



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#05-24

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)
Barbara Di Mambro (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Davidson
Bob Berube
Timothy Cheng
Anete Ivsina (Richmond Hill Public Library)
Natasha Khan
Barbara Maher-Erwin
Dianne McLeod
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)
Joanne Schreiber
Nancy Spinks

Also in attendance:

Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present via videoconference:

M. Dobbie, Acting Director, Policy Planning
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
E. Gach, Heritage Intern
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Cilevitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: A. Parr

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk with the following addition:

a) Delegation by James Counter, Counter & Mitchell, 12800 Yonge Street, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 12800 Yonge Street - (Item 5.1).

Carried Unanimously

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-24 held April 4, 2024

Moved by: D. McLeod

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#04-24 held April 4, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Extracts - Council Meeting C#09-24 held April 24, 2024

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

a) That the extracts from Council meeting C#09-24 held April 24, 2024 regarding the following staff reports be received:

- SRPBS.24.030 - Heritage Permit for 530 Carrville Road (Guild Hall) - City File D12-07079
- SRPBS.24.031 - Heritage Permit for 10268 Yonge Street (Old Town Hall) - City File D12-07471
- SRPBS.24.032 - Heritage Permit for 10184 Yonge Street (Old Post Office) - City File D12-07462
- SRPBS.24.033 - Heritage Permit for 528 Carrville Road (Burr House) - City File D12-07078

- SRPBS.24.046 - Heritage Permit for 10066 Yonge Street (Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery Octagonal Vault) - City File D12-07438
- SRPBS.24.047 - Heritage Permit for 38 Bedford Park Avenue (Crosby Hall) - City File D12-07056
- SRPBS.24.040 - 2024 Heritage Grant Applications - 7 Properties

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegation(s)

5.1 **James Counter, Counter & Mitchell, 12800 Yonge Street, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 12800 Yonge Street - (refer to Item 6.12)**

James Counter, Counter & Mitchell, 12800 Yonge Street, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 12800 Yonge Street. He shared his family's background and historical roots in the Oak Ridges community that dated back multi-generations; and further shared his family's continued ownership of the Mitchell-Durham House located at 12800 Yonge Street where he currently resides, and where their family law office used to practice out of. He advised of his objection to the proposed designation of 12800 Yonge Street, addressing what the purpose of designating a property was, and noted that his family has maintained the property with pride to preserve its historical value as well as their generational roots and do not require designation to continue to maintain that connection. J. Counter further addressed the reasons a property was designated and advised that his family had no intention to sell the property and would continue to maintain it at their own cost and requested that the John H. C. Durham cobblestone cottage located at 12761 Yonge Street be considered for designation. J. Counter concluded his delegation by expressing his concerns that should their property be designated that it would hinder their ability to make alterations to their property that would be required for accessibility reasons.

6. Scheduled Business

6.1 **SRPBS.24.056 - Notice of Intention to Designate 27 Church Street North - City File D12-07139**

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.056 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 27 Church Street North be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 27 Church Street North under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 27 Church Street North, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.056;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.2 SRPBS.24.057 - Notice of Intention to Designate 9835 Leslie Street - City File D12-07248

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.057 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 9835 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 9835 Leslie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 9835 Leslie Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.057;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.3 SRPBS.24.058 - Notice of Intention to Designate 9853 Leslie Street - City File D12-07250

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.058 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 9853 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 9853 Leslie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 9853 Leslie Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.058;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.4 SRPBS.24.059 - Notice of Intention to Designate 13561 Leslie Street - City File D12-07294

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.059 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 13561 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 13561 Leslie Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the

Statement of Significance: 13561 Leslie Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.059;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.5 SRPBS.24.060 - Notice of Intention to Designate 165 Richmond Street - City File D12-07373

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.060 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 165 Richmond Street be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 165 Richmond Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 165 Richmond Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.060;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.6 SRPBS.24.061 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10039 Yonge Street - City File D12-07434

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.061 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10039 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10039 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10039 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.061;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.7 SRPBS.24.062 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10094 and 10096 Yonge Street - City File D12-07443

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.062 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10094 and 10096 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10094 and 10096 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10094 and 10096 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to SRPBS.24.062;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.8 SRPBS.24.063 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10217 Yonge Street - City File D12-07465

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.063 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10217 Yonge Street be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10217 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10217 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.063;

c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;

e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.9 SRPBS.24.064 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10231 Yonge Street - City File D12-07468

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.064 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10231 Yonge Street be received;

- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10231 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10231 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.064;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.10 SRPBS.24.065 - Notice of Intention to Designate 10239 Yonge Street - City File D12-07469

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.065 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 10239 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 10239 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 10239 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.065;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.11 SRPBS.24.066 - Notice of Intention to Designate 12261 Yonge Street - City File D12-07496

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.066 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 12261 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 12261 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 12261 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.066;
- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.12 SRPBS.24.067 - Notice of Intention to Designate 12800 Yonge Street - City File D12-07513

General discussion ensued regarding the comments made by the delegate, and it was asked if staff could follow up with J. Counter regarding his concerns that designating their property located at 12800 Yonge Street would potentially hinder their ability to make accessibility related alterations. Staff confirmed that although a property's cultural heritage value was important, there was also a need to allow the property to be accessible and that they would follow up with J. Counter and his family to further the discussions that have already taken place and to reiterate that the City would work closely with them in the future to address any mobility issues.

Committee members addressed the comments made by the delegate regarding the heritage value and importance of the John H. C. Durham cobblestone cottage located at 12761 Yonge Street and shared their

concerns with the building's continued disrepair. Staff noted that this property was also on their radar for designation and that contact had been made with other organizations and levels of government in an attempt to preserve it, but that the City lacked the tools to preserve the cobblestone cottage in the long-term.

An inquiry was made regarding whether specific accessibility related alterations or amendments to the property located at 12800 Yonge Street could be included in the Designation By-law as a means to avoid any delay in getting the work completed, and whether the current owners would be amenable to having the property brought forward for designation in the future should the family decide to sell. Staff confirmed that they would further discuss with the owners what should be protected and preserved through the Designation By-law and addressed the feasibility of including future alterations in the Statement of Significance, noting that there were ways to make the alteration process more efficient.

Committee members discussed a number of issues stemming from the comments made by the delegate and ensuing remarks by the Committee including the misconception that when a property was designated that it caused problems and inconveniences to the owner; that many heritage properties were already well maintained and therefore did not require designation to ensure their preservation; if the age of a property was one of the criteria for designation; whether an application for accessibility related modifications to a heritage property could be eligible for the Heritage Grant Program, and if not, if this Program could be revisited in the future to address these types of modifications; and if there were any other grants or programs available to help with accessibility related alterations to a property.

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.067 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 12800 Yonge Street" be received;
- b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 12800 Yonge Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance, and in accordance with the Statement of Significance: 12800 Yonge Street, attached as Attachment A to SRPBS.24.067;

- c) That staff be directed to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- d) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, that staff be directed to place a designation by-law before Council at a future Council meeting for adoption;
- e) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

6.13 Bill 200 and Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act - Verbal Update by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner

Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, shared with the Committee that eight Batch 1 heritage properties were designated at yesterday's Council meeting: 11 Centre Street West, 18 Arnold Crescent, 32 Richmond Street, 42 Richmond Street, 111 Richmond Street, 124 Richmond Street, 10350 Yonge Street and 13076 Leslie Street; and noted that should no appeals be received by July 12th that the Designation By-laws for each property would come into effect on July 13, 2024.

P. Vega advised that the provincial government was tabling Bill 200 which would extend the timeframe for municipalities to review the legacy listed properties included on their Heritage Registers until January 1, 2027, and that staff would continue to provide updates related to this subject to the Committee as they happened.

Committee Members thanked staff for the updates and expressed their support regarding the designation of the Batch 1 heritage properties and proposed Bill 200, and briefly discussed the number of listed properties on the City's Heritage Register.

Moved by: B. Berube

- a) That the verbal update by Pamela Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding Bill 200 and Proposed Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, be received.

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved by: A. Parr

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.