



Heritage Richmond Hill

Minutes

HRH#07-24

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, October 3, 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)
Barbara Maher-Erwin
Dianne McLeod
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)
Joanne Schreiber

Regrets:

Natasha Khan
Nancy Spinks

Also in attendance:

Councillor Thompson

Staff Members present via videoconference:

K. Chaudry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design
J. Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
P. Vega, Urban Design/Heritage Planner
E. Gach, Heritage Intern
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
L. Sampogna, Council/Committee Coordinator

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 additions:

- a) Correspondence from Alexandra Fragiadakis on behalf of Ioannis Fragiadakis, 159 Mill Street, received September 29, 2024, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street – (Item 6.9);
- b) Delegation by Alexander Chang, 14 Vitanna Road, Markham, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street – (Item 5.1);
- c) Additional delegation by Joyce Horner, 32 Love Court regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street (refer to Item 6.2);
- d) Additional delegation by Tiziano Fantin, 16 Macleod Estate Court regarding the Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal (refer to Item 6.7).

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#06-24 held September 5, 2024

Moved by: J. Schreiber

- a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#06-24 held September 5, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Extract - Council Meeting C#18-24 held September 11, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the extract from Council meeting C#18-24 held September 11, 2024 regarding staff report SRPBS.24.087, Heritage Permit for David Dunlap Observatory Building Repairs, City File D12-07228, be received.

Carried Unanimously

5. Delegation(s)

Delegation by Alexander Chang, 14 Vitanna Road, Markham, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street – (refer to Item 6.2)

Alexander Chang, 14 Vitanna Road, Markham, representing his parents, owners of the property, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street. He advised that his parents purchased the property in the late 1980s, and lived there until mid-2000s, after which they began renting it out. He advised that they were opposed to the designation of the home, and noted that the home was in poor condition, and the rental was not financially practical due to high utility costs and inefficiencies in heating the home. A. Chang expressed their intention to either demolish the home or donate it to the City for relocation to a suitable site, and indicated they would like to come to a compromise on this matter.

Delegation by Joyce Horner, 32 Love Court regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street - (refer to Item 6.2)

Joyce Horner, 32 Love Court, addressed Committee regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street. She reviewed her family's settlement to Richmond Hill, advised that the property originally comprised of 200 acres on Major Mackenzie Drive East between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street, noted the lands were subdivided over time, and that this property was the last remaining parcel. She emphasized the importance of the Horner House noting it historically served as a community hospital. She stated that in her opinion, the current owners may have neglected the home, contributing to its poor condition as mentioned by the previous delegate, and expressed her desire to see the home preserved and designated for protection.

Delegation by Tiziano Fantin, 16 Macleod Estate Court regarding the Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal - (refer to Item 6.7)

Tiziano Fantin, 16 Macleod Estate Court, addressed Committee regarding the Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal. He advised that he submitted a Heritage Permit Application to formally recognize the removal of the fallen Silver Maple tree on the property and expressed his intention to have an Indigenous artist create a sculpture utilizing the tree trunk to commemorate the area's rich Indigenous heritage. He explained that his arborist assessed the tree stump and found it to be decayed and unsuitable for carving. He shared his desire to work with the Committee and City staff to replace the tree, and suggested that if the City had inventory wood from another site that was indigenous to the property, it could be considered for the carving project to honour Indigenous heritage. T. Fantin highlighted their commitment to maintaining the property's integrity, the importance of preserving the Mcleod Estate, and noted that all associated costs would be borne by his family.

6. Scheduled Business

Committee consented to separate Items 6.2, 6.7, and 6.8 for discussion.

On a motion of A. Parr, Committee adopted unanimously those items not identified for separate discussion.

6.1 SRPBS.24.080 - Notice of Intention to Designate 13 Church Street South - City File D12-07147

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.080 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 13 Church Street South be received;
- b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 13 Church Street South 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: 13 Church Street South attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.080;
- 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

6.2 SRPBS.24.081 - Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street - City File D12-07275

Committee members raised concerns regarding the implications of designating a property that the owner could not afford to maintain. They commented on the owner's situation and requested clarification on maintenance obligations post-designation. Staff clarified that the designation would not alter existing Property Standards requirements, which had to be met regardless of designation status and explained that the designation would not prevent property sales or renovations, and that the Property Standards By-law applied to all properties.

Several members expressed their support for the designation, emphasizing the historical significance of the property and concerns about potential demolition. The Committee acknowledged that the designation process allowed the owners to address issues before a final decision was made.

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.081 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street be received;
- b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 11644 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: 11644 Leslie Street attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.081;
- 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.

A recorded vote was taken:

In Favour: Chair Cilevitz, B. Di Mambro, J. Schreiber, A. Parr, T. Cheng, D. McLeod, B. Maher-Erwin, A. Ivsina, B. Berube, Councillor Davidson

Opposed: None

Absent: N. Khan, N. Spinks

Carried Unanimously (10 to 0)

6.3 SRPBS.24.082 - Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street - City File D12-07334

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.082 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street be received;

b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 159 Mill 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: 159 Mill Street attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.082;

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

6.4 SRPBS.24.083 - Notice of Intention to Designate 55 Richmond Street - City File D12-07357

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.24.083 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 55 Richmond Street be received;

- b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 55 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: 55 Richmond Street attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.083;
- 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

6.5 SRPBS.24.084 - Notice of Intention to Designate 35 Wright Street - City File D12-07414

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.084 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 35 Wright Street be received;
- b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 35 Wright 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: 35 Wright Street attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.084;
- 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

6.6 SRPBS.24.085 - Notice of Intention to Designate 12345 Yonge Street - City File D12-07497

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.085 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 12345 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That Council state its intention to designate the property at 12345 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: 12345 Yonge Street attached as Attachment A to staff report SRPBS.24.085;
- 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

6.7 SRPBS.24.091 - Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal - City File No. D12-07230

Committee Members acknowledged the owner's commitment to maintaining the property's integrity and concerns were raised about the practicality of working with the decayed stump, given that it would not support a carving. Committee members expressed their support to secure an Indigenous artist to collaborate with staff and the homeowner on a design that would commemorate the area's Indigenous heritage, while remaining flexible to options other than carving the stump.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.091 regarding Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal be received;

b) That Council direct Heritage Planning staff to work with the owners of 16 Macleod Estate Court to secure an Indigenous artist who will work with staff and the homeowner to install a design that commemorates the area's Indigenous heritage within the location of the stump of the fallen Silver Maple tree described in staff report SRPBS.24.091;

c) That the heritage permit application to formally recognize the removal of the fallen Silver Maple tree at 16 Macleod Estate Court, as described in staff report SRPBS.24.091, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

6.8 Heritage Designation Strategy and Heritage Planning to date in 2024 - Verbal Update by Kunal Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design

Kunal Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban Design provided a verbal update regarding the Heritage Designation Strategy and Heritage Planning to date in 2024. He advised that the Committee had processed eight Heritage Permit Applications, which included repairs and maintenance for the David Dunlap Observatory, and noted staff's ongoing efforts to ensure the timely completion of the projects. He reviewed the implementation of the Designation Strategy in response to Bill 23 and highlighted their proactive approach to property designations. He advised that staff recommended designating 22 properties, 19 of which had already received support by the Committee and Council, and the third batch would be considered by the Committee of the Whole on October 16, 2024, followed by Council on October 23, 2024. K. Chaudhry advised that one formal Notice of Objection was received, and reviewed the extension granted by Bill 200, which set the new deadline for Bill 23 designations to December 31, 2026, for the continued protection of heritage properties.

Committee members expressed their gratitude to staff for their hard work and sought clarification on the property that had been appealed and inquired about the strategy for designating properties in the coming year.

Moved by: A. Parr

a) That the verbal update by Kunal Chaudhry, Manager, Heritage and Urban design, regarding the Heritage Designation Strategy and Heritage Planning to date in 2024, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

6.9 Correspondence from Alexandra Fragiadakis obo Ioannis Fragiadakis, 159 Mill Street, received September 29, 2024, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street - (Item 6.3)

Moved by: A. Parr

a) That the correspondence from Alexandra Fragiadakis on behalf of Ioannis Fragiadakis, 159 Mill Street, received September 29, 2024, regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street, be received.

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.