



## Heritage Richmond Hill

### Minutes

**HRH#08-24**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 3:17 p.m. via videoconference.

Committee Members present via videoconference:

Councillor Cilevitz (Chair)  
Barbara Di Mambro (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Davidson  
Timothy Cheng  
Natasha Khan  
Barbara Maher-Erwin  
Dianne McLeod  
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)

Regrets:

Bob Berube  
Anete Ivsina (Richmond Hill Public Library)  
Joanne Schreiber  
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  
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk  
S. Dumont, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Cilevitz called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

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#07-24 held October 3, 2024**

Moved by: D. McLeod

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#07-24 held October 3, 2024, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**4.2 Extracts - Council Meeting C#24-24 held October 23, 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the extracts from Council Meeting C#24-24 held October 23, 2024 regarding the following staff reports, be received:

- SRPBS.24.080 - Notice of Intention to Designate 13 Church Street South - City File D12-07147;
- SRPBS.24.081 - Notice of Intention to Designate 11644 Leslie Street - City File D12-07275;
- SRPBS.24.082 - Notice of Intention to Designate 159 Mill Street - City File D12-07334;
- SRPBS.24.083 - Notice of Intention to Designate 55 Richmond Street - City File D12-07357;
- SRPBS.24.084 - Notice of Intention to Designate 35 Wright Street - City File D12-07414;

- SRPBS.24.085 - Notice of Intention to Designate 12345 Yonge Street - City File D12-07497;
- SRPBS.24.091 - Heritage Permit for 16 Macleod Estate Court Tree Removal - City File D12-07230.

Carried Unanimously

## 5. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

## 6. Scheduled Business

### 6.1 SRPBS.24.109 - Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South - City File D12-0750

Committee members expressed their disappointment with the circumstances that have led to the demolition request of the Robert Hewison House, noting its loss would significantly impact the historical character of the village. There was understanding amongst Committee members that the demolition request should go forward, as the building posed a public safety concern. Staff clarified that the other properties on the lot will remain protected by the designation by-law.

Comments were made regarding the possibility of a replica of the building being constructed, with staff clarifying that conditions could not be tied to a demolition permit due to the statutory timelines that needed to be met. In response to questions, staff identified two avenues in which a request for a replica could be brought forward to Council: either through a member motion, or through recommendations within a staff report when the amending designation by-law is brought forward.

Moved by: A. Parr

- a) That staff report SRPBS.24.109 regarding Request to Demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South be received;
- b) That Council approve the request to demolish the Robert Hewison House at 26 Church Street South.

Carried Unanimously

### 6.2 Proposed 2025 Heritage Richmond Hill Meeting Schedule

Moved by: B. Maher-Erwin

a) That the proposed 2025 Heritage Richmond Hill Committee meeting schedule be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.