



## Heritage Richmond Hill

### Minutes

HRH#02-25

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

A Heritage Richmond Hill meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 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  
Brian Hatt  
Anete Ivsina (Richmond Hill Public Library)  
Barbara Maher-Erwin  
Dianne McLeod  
Agnes Parr (Richmond Hill Historical Society)

Regrets:

Joanne Schreiber

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  
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator  
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Cilevitz called the meeting to order at 3:08 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#01-25 held February 6, 2025**

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the minutes of Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#01-25 held February 6, 2025, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**5. Delegation(s)**

There were no delegations.

**6. Scheduled Business**

**6.1 SRPBS.25.027 - Notice of Intention to Designate 297 Richmond Street - City File D12-07379**

A Committee member acknowledged that they were happy to see this property being brought forward for designation. An inquiry was made regarding how many criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* the property met for determining its cultural heritage value or interest to which staff confirmed that the property met four of the criteria.

Moved by: A. Parr

That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council:

a) That staff report SRPBS.25.027 regarding Notice of Intention to Designate 297 Richmond Street, be received;

b) That City Council state its intention to designate the property at 297 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: 297 Richmond Street, attached as Attachment “A” to staff report SRPBS.25.027;

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 Withdrawal of the Notice of Intention to Designate 12345 Yonge Street**

### **- Presentation by Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner**

Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, provided an informational presentation to the Committee regarding the Withdrawal of the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) 12345 Yonge Street (Ryan-Paxton House). She provided an overview of the research and evaluation that was undertaken for the property based on available information at that time which led to staff recommending designation and advised of the objection to the NOID which was received in December 2024. She shared that staff then reviewed the objection and undertook further engagement with the property owner and heritage consultant and subsequently recommended to Council to withdraw the NOID. J. Smith went over some of the questions and answers between Council and staff on the topic and advised of next steps in the process.

Committee members requested additional information and clarification to understand the background and context regarding 12345 Yonge Street that led to the initial recommendation to designate, as well as regarding what the process entails and next steps following the withdrawal of the NOID for this property.

An inquiry was made regarding what changes have been made to the legislation specific to designation and objections to a designation, and if there were examples of case law that existed which could be shared with the Committee to help members have a better understanding of the process and the impact of the legislation. Discussion ensued on this

matter and how the legislation has not changed but rather the interpretation of the regulation which was being learned through case law. Staff reviewed for the Committee why the NOID was withdrawn, explained how the legislation allowed for reconsideration, reiterated that all recommendations were brought forward based on the information available at the time, and identified which criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* the property met.

Moved by: Councillor Davidson

a) That the presentation by Julia Smith, Urban Design/Heritage Planner, regarding the Withdrawal of the Notice of Intention to Designate 12345 Yonge Street, be received with thanks.

Carried Unanimously

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: B. Di Mambro

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.