



**Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor John Gallo (Chair)
Cynthia Bettio
David Heard
Kevin Hughes*
John Green
Jeff Lanthier (Vice Chair)*
Bob McRoberts

Other Attendees: Councillor Ron Weese*
Adam Robb, Senior Planner, Development/Heritage
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Introductions were made around the table.

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That Jeff Lanthier be elected as Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2023-2024).

Carried

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Senior Planner; Re: Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-04, 19 Catherine Avenue

Peter Hillar, President/CEO of Greyfield Construction Co. Ltd., presented an overview of the application including depictions of the proposed

demolition, two-storey rear yard addition, and exterior materials. Staff provided further comment and acknowledged that effort had been made to respect compatibility and noted the main elements for consideration and input from the Committee including feedback on the westerly balcony component, chimney location, and general massing.

The Committee discussed and inquired about various aspects including the increased footprint size, feedback from neighbours, and other rear additions on the street. The Committee expressed support for the application as presented.

Moved by Jeff Lanthier

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-04, 19 Catherine Avenue, be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-04, 19 Catherine Avenue, be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Senior Planner; Re: Request to Remove 28 Wells Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Paul Oberst, Heritage Consultant and Architect, presented an overview of the heritage evaluation of the property at 28 Wells Street, including a review of the criteria ratings under Ontario Regulation 9/06, and conceptual elevations of the proposed replacement buildings. Staff provided further comment on the property's heritage value and noted the impact of Provincial Bill 23 on the heritage planning process.

The Committee discussed and inquired about various aspects including designation priorities, previous ownership and significance, the previous evaluation process versus new regulations and criteria, and the potential to fully restore the building or incorporate the existing building/facade with a rear addition. The Committee did not support the removal of 28 Wells Street from the Heritage Register.

Staff agreed to have the owner conduct a title search and research the previous ownership of the property to determine any potential significance.

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding Request to Remove 28 Wells Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Request to Remove 28 Wells Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the impact of Provincial Bill 23 and the remaining 287 properties on the Heritage Register that may be worthy of designation, which need to be addressed by January 1, 2025. It was suggested that members would benefit by guidance on how to use the new criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06. Staff agreed to bring this item forward for discussion and prioritization at the next meeting.

Committee members recommended that the Committee meet on a monthly basis and requested that the Terms of Reference be revised accordingly.

The Committee referred to the Town's newly renovated train station and noted the wood plaque is faded and should be refreshed or replaced. It was further suggested that other wood plaques be reviewed and addressed as necessary. Staff noted that wood plaques are available and can be prepared for properties as needed.

Committee members expressed concerns about the purpose and value of the Committee under the current format of providing only comments instead of making recommendations for Council's consideration as done in previous terms of Council.

The Committee discussed potential ideas and events toward the promotion of heritage, increased community awareness, education, and youth engagement.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Cynthia Bettio

Seconded by Kevin Hughes

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Carried