



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

Date: Monday, July 31, 2023
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Cynthia Bettio

Other Attendees: Mayor Tom Mrakas*
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 7:02 p.m.

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 John Green

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

5.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023

Moved by Kevin Hughes

Seconded by Jeff Lanthier

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 1, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Senior Planner; Re: Development Application Review – 16, 20 and 22 Allaura Boulevard

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and application. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the proposed development including: seeking input from other stakeholders in the Aurora War Memorial Peace Park; the appropriateness of a flat roof;

parking and traffic study requirements; and whether the architecture is sympathetic to the surrounding properties. The Committee agreed there should be no access between the proposed development and the Peace Park, and that a fence or wall could be added if necessary. It was agreed that the application would be brought back for further Committee review and input once the heritage impact assessment is completed.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Development Application Review - 16, 20 and 22 Allaura Boulevard be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Development Application Review - 16, 20 and 22 Allaura Boulevard be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

**7.2 Memorandum from Senior Planner; Re: Status of 287 Properties
Recommended to Remain Listed on the Town's Heritage Register**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and listed properties noting that only some of the properties warrant heritage designation. The Committee provided ownership history on the recommended property at 21 Wellington Street East. The Committee also provided history on the property at 71 Connaught Avenue and requested that it be considered for heritage designation. Staff reviewed the next steps and timeline, noting that any of the other properties may still be considered for designation in future should it be realized that they meet the required criteria.

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Status of 287 Properties Recommended to Remain Listed on the Town's Heritage Register be received; and

2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Status of 287 Properties Recommended to Remain Listed on the Town's Heritage Register be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

Staff advised that a building permit application for a small, rear addition at 72 Catherine Avenue—considered to be minor in nature and qualified for delegated authority approval by staff—would be circulated to the Committee for feedback. The Committee provided background on the property and proposed addition.

The Committee suggested they should be kept updated on the progress and any information meetings respecting the GO rail expansion project, specifically regarding the potential for traffic to be rerouted onto Centre Street through the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District during the future underpass construction. Councillor Weese provided an update on a recent ward meeting with Metrolinx and agreed to share further information with the Committee.

The Committee inquired about the status of the property—formerly a Town works yard—west of Hillary House, provided background on the strong roller-skating history in Aurora, and suggested that the site could accommodate a new roller-skating facility. It was also noted that the Aurora Historical Society previously proposed to use the site as a parking lot for Hillary House. Staff agreed to follow up and advise on the property status.

10. Adjournment

Moved by John Green

Seconded by David Heard

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Carried