



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

**Date:** Monday, September 11, 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:** Adam Robb, Senior Planner, Development/Heritage  
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 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** Bob McRoberts

**Seconded by** John Green

That the revised 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 July 31, 2023**

**Moved by** John Green

**Seconded by** David Heard

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 31, 2023, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

**6.1 Christopher Watts, Resident; Re: Irregularities with 2006 Town of Aurora Street Naming Policy**

Christopher Watts presented an overview of the Town of Aurora Street Naming Policy and identified concerns including: a number of names from the cenotaphs and Alter of Sacrifice not being included in the policy, current street name recognition being unclear, inconsistency with poppy emblems missing from street names, needing repair, and being included on streets not named after those individuals included on the cenotaphs. They further provided recommended next steps. The Committee provided comments regarding their role as an advisory committee, some of the missing names from the policy, next steps regarding both current sign amendments and the addition of future signage. They further discussed

Councillor Gallo bringing forward a Notice of Motion to a future General Committee meeting regarding the identified amendments and policy revisions. Staff advised that some of the recommended next steps could be implemented internally as well.

**Moved by** John Green

**Seconded by** Bob McRoberts

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

**Carried**

## **7. Matters for Consideration**

### **7.1 Memorandum from Senior Planner; Re: Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-06, 56 Spruce Street**

The applicant, Rocco Morsillo, presented an overview of the subject property, the proposed scope of work including an addition and a deck. They further reviewed the project elevations, colour selections, and comparable properties within the Town of Aurora. The Committee and the applicant discussed the lot coverage of the existing structure and the renovation, and demolition plans for the existing addition structure.

**Moved by** Bob McRoberts

**Seconded by** Jeff Lanthier

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-06, 56 Spruce Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2023-06, 56 Spruce Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

## **8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

David Heard provided an overview of Victrolia Hall, being an analog research library, including background information, past installation of mobile units, the need for space to allow public viewing, financial support, and recognition of community partnerships. The Committee discussed opportunities for access to the public, tourism impacts, digitization options, and outreach to the Aurora Public Library.

**Moved by** Bob McRoberts

**Seconded by** John Green

**New Business Motion No. 1**

1. That the presentation regarding Victrolia Hall be received for information.

**Carried**

The Committee also recognized that David Tomlinson passed away on September 8, 2023, and acknowledged all his heritage and environmental efforts in the Town of Aurora.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** John Green

**Seconded by** Bob McRoberts

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**Carried**