



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

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor John Gallo (Chair)
Cynthia Bettio
David Heard
Kevin Hughes*
John Green, Aurora Historical Society Representative
Bob McRoberts, Honourary Member

Other Attendees: Councillor Ron Weese*
Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services
Doug Bertrand, Manager, Facilities
Ivy Henriksen, Manager, Customer Service
Adam Robb, Manager, Policy Planning and Heritage
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

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 John Green

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved, as amended to allow consideration of item 7.3 prior to consideration of item 7.1.

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 March 18, 2024

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Cynthia Bettio

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

6.1 Christopher Watts, The Aurora Heritage authority; Re: Proposal for Heritage Enhancements to 9 Wellington Street East - Knowles Butcher Shop

The Committee consented to consider item 6.1 following item 7.1.

Christopher Watts presented a proposal to honour the historical prominence and significance of the property known as Knowles Butcher Shop by enhancing the heritage characteristics at 9 Wellington Street East. The presentation highlighted the history of the Knowles family and butcher shop through three generations, subsequent ownership and uses

of the property, fire damage and repair, and the proposal to restore the former signs “W.J. Knowles” and “Butcher” to the second-storey facade.

Staff confirmed they have direction to consult with the owner regarding the heritage designation of this property and the Committee expressed support for further consideration of the delegation’s proposal.

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 CMS24-005 - Petch House – Considerations

Staff provided background on the staff report and presented an overview of proposed minimal improvements to the Petch House to accommodate a seasonal wedding chapel use including accessibility, electrical, security, and flooring considerations, and other cosmetic and décor upgrades.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects including frequency of use, operating costs, wedding ceremony fees, public consultation, alternative uses and historical prominence, upgrade funding sources, previous proposals to relocate the Petch House, and ways to share the historical significance of the Petch House. The Committee was generally supportive of the proposed use, but split on the use of the Heritage Reserve Fund as a funding source.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Cynthia Bettio

1. That Report No. CMS24-005 - Petch House - Considerations and the Memorandum regarding Petch House - Proposed Use (item 7.2) be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Report No. CMS24-005 - Petch House - Considerations and the memorandum regarding Petch House - Proposed Use be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Director of Community Services; Re: Petch House - Proposed Use

Item 7.2 was considered and received together with item 7.1.

7.3 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Heritage Permit Application HPA-2024-02 - 40 Spruce Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and proposed replacement of three street-facing doors and one rear door, noting the work qualifies for staff delegated approval. The Committee expressed no issues with the proposal.

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Cynthia Bettio

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2024-02 - 40 Spruce Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2024-02 - 40 Spruce Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.4 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Development Application Review - 16, 20, and 22 Allaura Boulevard

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and updated site conceptual renderings. The Committee requested that consideration be given to include coniferous trees in the developer's landscape screening on the shared boundary to ensure year-round protection of the importance and serenity of the Aurora War Memorial and Peace Park space.

Moved by Cynthia Bettio
Seconded by David Heard

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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

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee inquired about the Provincial Plaque Program and staff advised that this year's theme is music for the blue plaques administered through the Ontario Heritage Trust.

The Committee suggested that the Aurora Community Centre (ACC) should be considered for a blue plaque in recognition of it being a historic music venue and its impact on the music scene and community due to the number of iconic bands that have played there since 1967. Staff agreed to assist with the application process.

The Committee provided an update on the progress of the interactive mapping and research project noting there is much interest in the student co-op program opportunities.

10. Adjournment

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Cynthia Bettio

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Carried