



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

Date: Monday, October 6, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Cynthia Bettio*
Linda Duringer
Bob McRoberts, Honourary Member
Rocco Morsillo

Members Absent: John Green, Aurora Historical Society Rep. (Vice Chair)
Chris Polsinelli

Other Attendees: Councillor Ron Weese*
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 7:05 p.m.

The Committee consented to recess the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The Committee consented to extend the hour past 9 p.m. to 9:30 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 Linda Duringer

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

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 June 9, 2025

Moved by Linda Duringer

Seconded by Rocco Morsillo

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

6.1 David Heard, Resident; Re: Item 7.4 - Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Downtown Community Planning Permit System

The Committee consented to consider Delegations item 6.1 following consideration of item 7.4.

David Heard spoke about the challenges of advocating for heritage building and culture preservation and expressed support for the proposed Community Planning Permit System and increased density toward a more

vibrant downtown core. David further expressed the need for continued protection of the heritage building facades and suggested that the Fleury Foundry property is worthy of designation and should be an anchor piece.

Moved by Linda Duringer

Seconded by Rocco Morsillo

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to item 7.4.

Carried

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-05 - 49 Fleury Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and proposed alterations on the designated property at 49 Fleury Street located in the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District.

The Committee expressed support for the application and agreed that the approval process should be streamlined for this type of improvement project, and staff confirmed that delegated approval under the Director would be appropriate.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Duringer

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-05 - 49 Fleury Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-05 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Request to Remove a Listed Property from the Heritage Register - 15 Tyler Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and proposed five-storey development on the listed, non-designated property at 15 Tyler Street located in the Aurora Promenade area.

Paul Oberst, Heritage Consultant and Architect, presented an overview of the cultural heritage evaluation report and assessment of the subject property, including property description and zoning, Town heritage information, floor plans, photos, heritage criteria, and conclusions.

The Committee expressed no opposition to the proposed delisting of the property and suggested that a plaque be installed on the property to commemorate the historical significance of the builder John Bowser. The Committee and staff discussed the need to establish a set of criteria and metrics for the Committee to determine the commemorative value of a property toward preserving and celebrating local history.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Durringer

1. That the memorandum regarding Request to Remove a Listed Property from the Heritage Register - 15 Tyler Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Request to Remove a Listed Property from the Heritage Register - 15 Tyler Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-04 - 16003 Yonge Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum, including the proposed relocation of the existing dwelling and alterations, and the proposed development of a five-storey residential apartment building on the designated heritage property at 16003 Yonge Street and adjacent lands.

Emma Cohlmeier, Associate, ERA Architects, presented an overview of the proposal, including site history, heritage status, conservation design parameters, relocation of existing dwelling and rear addition, and conservation strategy.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects including the prominence and street view of the proposed relocation site, the potential to salvage any material and red bricks from the rear section, minimizing tree removal, the possible installation of a plaque to honour the property's

heritage as the "Red House," restoration and conservation management plans for the Red House, Ministry requirements for a heritage property archaeological assessment, and potential traffic lights. The Committee was generally supportive of the proposal but agreed that the exterior of the new rear addition should blend with the existing red brick and character of the building, and have a pitched roof instead of a flat roof.

Moved by Linda Duringer

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-04 - 16003 Yonge Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application HPA-2025-04 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: Downtown Community Planning Permit System**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and proposed Community Planning Permit System (CPPS), a land-use planning tool to streamline the development application and approval process and pro-actively manage growth in a sympathetic manner with a focus on the protection of heritage buildings and facades in the downtown area.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects including control over design and materiality, open house feedback, the protection of heritage buildings and facades, and implementation of the CPPS through a Community Planning Permit By-law, effectively a zoning by-law for the downtown area. The Committee expressed support for the CPPS and proposed increased heights, and also suggested extending the subject area to Mill Street to incorporate the Fleury Mill Works property. Staff advised that more details will be provided at the Special Public Planning meeting to be held on October 29, 2025.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Duringer

1. That the memorandum regarding Downtown Community Planning Permit System be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Downtown Community Planning Permit System be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee provided an update on the planning of the Town's first Heritage Week event, starting with the kickoff at 10 a.m. on Family Day, February 16, 2026.

The Committee commented on the issues with signage and graffiti on heritage buildings in the downtown core. Staff provided a response noting any concerns and the enforcement of issues can continue to be addressed by By-law Services.

The Committee inquired about the possibility of a collaboration between the Aurora Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and the Heritage Advisory Committee to attract more business to the downtown core area. Staff provided a response noting that Planning and Economic Development staff work closely together and can continue to relay future opportunities back to the Committee.

The Committee inquired about whether a plaque should be installed at 32 Wellington Street East (the "David W. Doan House"), and staff agreed to follow up.

The Committee observed that the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District currently has only a few sidewalk markers identifying the district and inquired about the possibility of adding street signage. Staff agreed to follow up.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Durringer

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Carried