



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

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: John Green, Aurora Historical Society Representative (Vice Chair)
Linda Durlinger
Bob McRoberts, Honourary Member
Rocco Morsillo
Chris Polzinelli*

Members Absent: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Cynthia Bettio

Other Attendees: Councillor Ron Weese
Adam Robb, Manager, Policy Planning and Heritage
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 October 6, 2025

Moved by Rocco Morsillo

Seconded by Linda Duringer

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 6, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

6.1 Christopher Watts, The Aurora Heritage Authority; Re: The Town of Aurora's Sesquicentennial Plaques

Christopher Watts presented background on the Town's commemorative sesquicentennial plaque program implemented in 2017 and requested that details of the program and heritage properties that received the Canada 150 plaque be made available to the public.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Rocco Morsillo

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Manager of Policy Planning and Heritage; Re: Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-01 - 220 Old Yonge Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and grant application for the repair of significant heritage attributes at the subject property designated as the "Partege House," also known as the "Bunker House."

The Committee made various inquiries and staff provided clarification on the two contractor quotes, the impact of a mid-project property ownership change, and the annual grant funding cap balance.

The Committee expressed support for the grant application and its categorization as "major" work eligible for funding of up to \$10,000.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Duringer

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-01 - 220 Old Yonge Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-01 - 220 Old Yonge Street 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: Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-02 - 57 Fleury Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and grant application for the maintenance of heritage attributes at the subject property designated as part of the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District.

The Committee inquired about the distinction between minor vs. moderate works and staff provided clarification on the scale of work involved and significance of the heritage attributes. The Committee further inquired about the potential to allow unused portions of the annual grant funding cap to be carried over to subsequent years, and staff confirmed this would

be included in a report to Council for consideration. The Committee and staff discussed the Heritage Grant Program criteria in the context of being more impact-based while appreciating the uniqueness of any application.

The Committee expressed support for the grant application and its categorization as "moderate" work eligible for funding of up to \$5,000.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Linda Duringer

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-02 - 57 Fleury Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Grant Application HGP-2025-02 - 57 Fleury Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

With reference to the earlier delegation, the Committee inquired about the status of the Town's commemorative sesquicentennial plaques dating back to the Canada 150 celebrations in 2017. Staff indicated they did not have information on the plaques but would continue to investigate the matter.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Chris Polzinelli

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

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

Carried