



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Jeff Lanthier (Chair)
John Green
Matthew Kinsella
Robert Lounds
Bob McRoberts
Councillor Sandra Humfries

Members Absent: Hoda Soliman (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Mayor Tom Mrakas (ex-officio)
Sara Tienkamp, Manager, Parks and Fleet
Lisa Hausz, Manager, Economic Development and Policy
Brashanthe Manoharan, Planner/Heritage Planning
Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Procedural Notes

This meeting was held electronically as per Section 19. i) of the Town's Procedure By-law No. 6228-19, as amended, due to the COVID-19 situation.

The Mayor and the Committee welcomed new member Robert Lounds.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Committee inquired about the possibility of including updates on various heritage related topics of interest on the agenda. It was mentioned that as per

the current process, the Committee members can request for items or updates two to three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and updates would be provided accordingly.

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by John Green

That the revised agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, be approved.

Carried

3. 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*.

4. Receipt of the Minutes

4.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021

The Committee referred to Item 6.1 - Heritage Permit Application for 74 Centre Street and inquired about the next steps regarding any revisions to the proposed designs. Staff noted that a revised proposal has been submitted to the Town and will be brought for Council consideration to the November 16, 2021 General Committee meeting.

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021, be received for information.

Carried

5. Delegations

5.1 Gord and Erin Heyting, Residents; Re: Item 6.5 - Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Tree Removal Permit Application - 144 Temperance Street

Gord Heyting spoke in support of the Tree Removal Permit Application and responded to questions regarding the condition of the existing trees and the replanting plan.

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 6.5.

Carried

6. Matters for Consideration

The Committee consented to consider the items in the following order: 6.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4.

6.1 Memorandum from Manager, Economic Development and Policy; Re: Streetscape Needs Assessment – Heritage Consultation

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and sought the Committee's input regarding the streetscape improvements. Donna Hinde and Andrew Hooke from The Planning Partnership were also present to respond to questions.

The Committee sought clarification on the size of the subject area and possibility of including surrounding streets, and staff noted that the focus area was determined as per the Aurora Promenade Streetscape Plan. The Committee noted the importance of maintaining the heritage aspects of the buildings in the proposed subject area through preservation of the heritage features and commemorative signage. The Committee further provided suggestions regarding parking signage, adding more trees to the streetscape, and pedestrian safety measures.

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Streetscape Needs Assessment - Heritage Consultant be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Streetscape Needs Assessment be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate

Carried

6.2 Memorandum from Heritage Planner; Re: Review of Aurora Register – Evaluation Methodology

Dan Currie from MHBC Planning presented an overview of the Review of the Aurora Register project highlighting the evaluation methodology including legislated requirements for the evaluations, policy framework and classification criteria, examples of the reviews conducted, and the next steps.

Vanessa Hicks and Robyn McIntyre, MHBC Planning were also present to respond to questions.

The Committee, Staff, and the Consultants discussed about the timeline of the project and the future role of the Evaluation Sub-committee. The Committee suggested that appropriate training for current sub-committee members would be beneficial before the new evaluation methodology is adopted by Council. The Committee sought clarification regarding the interpretation of the “at risk” value criteria in the evaluation form, and the Consultants noted that at risk criteria is general in nature to determine high priority properties.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That the memorandum regarding Review of Aurora Register – Evaluation Methodology be received; and,
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Review of Aurora Register – Evaluation Methodology be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.3 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Heritage Permit Application, File: HPA-2021-14, 15356 Yonge Street (Knowles-Readman House)

Bruce Hall, Planning Consultant and Wayne Morgan, Heritage Planner, The Planning Partnership, presented an overview of the heritage permit application for the subject property. They provided details on the proposed removal of the two-storey tail wing and design changes from the previous

submission. They further addressed key aspects such as heritage preservation, building height, gross floor area, and area fit.

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and application.

The Committee expressed support on the removal of the two-storey tail wing as proposed and had no further comments.

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Robert Lounds

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2021-14 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2021-14 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Amendment to Heritage Designation By-law 6182-19, De La Salle College and Pine Ridge Trail (Monk's Walk), 50-100 Bloomington Road West

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum outlining the purpose of the amendment to the Heritage Designation By-law 6182-19 and the next steps. The Committee referred to the proposed addition to the Historical/Association Value section and sought clarification on the occupancy of the building and staff provided a response. The Committee expressed support and had no further comments.

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding a proposed Amendment to Heritage Designation By-law 6182-19 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding a proposed Amendment to Heritage Designation By-law 6182-19 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

6.5 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Tree Removal Permit Application – 144 Temperance Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and application.

The Committee commented on the maturity of the Spruce trees and noted that the removal would not affect the streetscape. The Committee sought clarification on the tree compensation value and how the value was derived, and staff provided clarification. The Committee was in support of the application and further discussed about the proposed landscape and replanting plan.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That the memorandum regarding Tree Removal Permit Application – 144 Temperance Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding the Tree Removal Application – 144 Temperance Street be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7. Informational Items

7.1 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Alterations to a Listed Heritage Property – 53 Metcalfe Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum. The Committee had no further comments.

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding alterations to a listed heritage property at 53 Metcalfe Street be received for information.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Robert Lounds

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carried