



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 14, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Jeff Lanthier (Chair)
 Neil Asselin
 Matthew Kinsella
 Bob McRoberts
 Councillor Sandra Humfries

Members Absent: John Green
 Hoda Soliman (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Carlson Tsang, Planner
 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 Chair called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, including the following additional item, be approved:

- Delegation 5.2 - Rebecca Beaton, Resident; Re: Aurora Train Station Building

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 June 1, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Neil Asselin

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 1, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Neil Asselin

That delegation 5.1 be allowed to speak at their respective agenda item prior to the consideration of item 6.2.

Carried

5.1 **Nick Racanelli, Racanelli and Associates Inc., Re: Item 6.2 - HAC20-010 - Major Heritage Permit Application File HPA-2020-01, 31 Catherine Avenue**

Mr. Racanelli provided an overview of the history of the property and presented details of the proposed additions to the existing property, highlighting details of the design noting that the addition will match the existing roof line, proposed attached garage addition, overall building depth, and responded to questions.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 6.2.

Carried

5.2 **Rebecca Beaton, Resident; Re: Aurora Train Station Building**

Ms. Beaton provided an overview of the history of the Aurora Train Station building noting its heritage significance in the Town and the Province. She

expressed concerns regarding the condition of the building noting that efforts towards restoration and repair must be made and emphasized to Metrolinx to preserve the heritage aspects of the building. The Committee requested staff to provide an update at an upcoming meeting regarding Metrolinx's next steps regarding the property.

Moved by Councillor Humfries

Seconded by Neil Asselin

That the comments of the delegation be received.

Carried

6. Matters for Consideration

6.1 HAC20-009 - Heritage Designation for 28 Wellington Street West “Alfred Love House”

Staff provided an overview of the report and provided details of the heritage building evaluation, design, historical and contextual value of the property. The Committee expressed support for the heritage designation of the property, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That Report No. HAC20-009 be received; and
2. That the comments regarding the heritage designation for 28 Wellington Street West be received and referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

6.2 HAC20-010 - Major Heritage Permit Application File HPA-2020-01, 31 Catherine Avenue

Staff provided an overview of the report highlighting the details of the proposed additions noting the overall footprint will exceed the requirements highlighted in the Heritage Conservation District plan and a minor variance application will be required for the minimum side yard setback for Committee of Adjustment's consideration.

The Committee inquired about the permitted lot coverage with respect to the zoning of the property, the finish of the board and batten and the

materials to be utilized for the addition, and the applicant and staff provided clarification.

The Committee discussed about the proposed attached garage addition, the permitted limits and expressed concerns about the additional building depth. The Committee acknowledged that the proposed addition is considered compatible with the original one-storey building and matches the architectural appearance of the building from the front elevation mitigating the visual impact to the surrounding streetscape. However, it was noted that the additional building depth may result in a built form that is not in keeping with the surrounding homes.

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That Report No. HAC20-010 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee's comments regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2020-01 be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6.3 HAC20-011 - Amendments to the Conditions of Delisting 1625-1675 St. John's Sideroad

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and the Committee was in support of the amendments to the conditions imposed by Council for delisting the subject property.

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That Report No. HAC20-011 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee's comments regarding amendments to the conditions imposed by Council on May 15, 2019 for the delisting of 1625-1675 St. John's Sideroad be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6.4 Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet; Re: Tree Removal Permit Application - 53 Metcalfe Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the tree removal permit application highlighting the details on the applicant's intent for removing the tree. The Committee expressed support for the tree removal and expressed their appreciation to the applicant for submitting a re-planting plan.

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That the memorandum regarding Tree Removal Permit Application – 53 Metcalfe Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee provide comment with respect to the proposed Tree Removal Permit Application for 53 Metcalfe Street.

Carried

6.5 Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet, Re: Tree Removal Permit Application - 126 Temperance Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the tree removal permit application. The Committee sought clarification on the details of the condition of the tree and evaluations from the Parks department, and staff provided clarification noting the tree is declining. The Committee expressed support for the tree removal request.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That the memorandum regarding Tree Removal Permit Application – 126 Temperance Street be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee provide comment with respect to the proposed Tree Removal Permit Application for 126 Temperance Street.

Carried

7. Informational Items

7.1 Memorandum from Planner; Re: Alterations to a Listed Heritage Property – 95 Metcalfe Street

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and Council's process in seeking the Committee's input for any proposed alterations to listed properties. Staff provided details of the heritage evaluation conducted by

the working group suggesting that as per the evaluation, the property is moderately significant, worthy of documentation and preservation but not designation. The Committee expressed support for the proposed alterations for the subject property.

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding Alterations to a Listed Heritage Property – 95 Metcalfe Street be received for information.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Planner; Re: Ontario Barn Preservation Letter

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and provided details of the letter received from the Ontario Barn Preservation that offers recommendations to better protect barns across the Province. Staff noted that the suggestions will be considered as part of the ongoing Official Plan review process.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That the memorandum regarding the Ontario Barn Preservation Letter be received.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Carried