



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 2, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

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

Members Absent: Hoda Soliman
Matthew Kinsella

Other Attendees: Councillor Wendy Gaertner
Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services
Lisa Hausz, Manager, Economic Development and Policy
Nick Kazakoff, Economic Development Officer
Brashanthe Manoharan, Planner/Heritage Planning
Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

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 the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples whose presence here continues to this day. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty

lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties First Nations, and we thank them for sharing the land.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Robert Lounds

That the 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 April 4, 2022

Moved by Robert Lounds

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2022 be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Economic Development Officer; Re: Community Improvement Plan Review Consultation

Nick Kazakoff, Economic Development Officer, presented an overview of the Promenade Area Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and sought the Committee's input regarding the heritage aspect of the plan. Staff further provided an overview of best practices and comparison with neighboring

municipalities on various programs such as the facade grant, building renovation and restoration, development charge grant, tax-based increments, and heritage property tax relief, and environmental site assessment and tax remediation. Staff noted the next steps regarding the review including public consultation and the implementation process.

The Committee sought clarification on the availability of programs for residential properties and existing heritage properties, and suggested that heritage related restoration be included in the Facade and Signage Improvement grant program. The Committee expressed support for the plan.

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Improvement Plan Promenade Consultation be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Community Improvement Plan Promenade Consultation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2022-05, 15356 Yonge Street (Knowles-Readman House)

The Committee consented to permit additional time for the presentation.

Wayne Morgan, Heritage Planner, and Bruce Hall, The Planning Partnership presented an overview of the heritage permit application highlighting the details of the development process, promenade designations, urban design guidelines, heritage guidelines and features, and changes made to the proposal thus far. They further provided details on the Knowles-Readman House integration and restoration plan, proposed landscaping, influence of existing built form on the proposal, and maintaining the existing colour palette in the design features.

Staff presented an overview of the memorandum and the application. The Committee discussed various aspects of the application and inquired on

the conservation plan for the Hilary House, and the applicant provided clarification. The Committee and staff further discussed about the site-specific zoning requirements and compliance with the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Plan. The Committee expressed support for the application.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2022-05 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Heritage Permit Application File: HPA-2022-05 be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning; Re: Review of Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Committee consented to permit additional time for the presentation.

Vanessa Hicks, MHBC Planning, presented an update on the review of the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest project and provided details of the ongoing work in Phase 3 of the project. Further details were provided regarding the evaluation and classification method review, project methodology and research, GIS database of properties in the register, property risk analysis, the proposed recommendations post the evaluation of properties, and the next steps.

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and the sought the Committee's feedback on the recommendations regarding the project. The Committee requested clarification on the commemorative metal plaque program and suggested that displaying metal plaques on properties designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* would be well received. The Committee further requested that appropriate training on the revised evaluation methodology be provided to the Planning staff. The Committee expressed appreciation to the Consultant and supported the proposed project plan and recommendations.

Moved by Robert Lounds

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Review of Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee comments regarding Review of Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Councillor Humfries

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Carried