

# Town of Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 13, 2017

**Time and Location:** 7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair), Councillor Jeff Thom

(Vice Chair), Neil Asselin, Barry Bridgeford, Carol Gravelle, James Hoyes, and John Kazilis, Bob McRoberts (Honourary

Member)

**Member(s) Absent:** Martin Paivio

Other Attendees: Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Building Services,

Jeff Healey, Planner, and Samantha Kong, Council/

Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Councillor Thom

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

Additional Information to Item 4 – Memorandum from Planner, Re:
 Additional Information – Proposed Demolition of Existing Rear Addition and Accessory Structure to a Listed Heritage Building, 23 Mosley Street

 Re: Drawings for Addition to 23 Mosley Street

Carried as amended

#### 3. Receipt of the Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016

Moved by Carol Gravelle Seconded by John Kazilis

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 12, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

#### 4. Delegations

(a) Kent Taylor, Taylor Design Group Inc.

Re: Item 1 – HAC17-001 – Request to Demolish a Property on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 14574 Leslie Street

Mr. Taylor was present to answer any questions of the Committee.

Moved by Carole Gravelle Seconded by John Kazilis

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 1.

Carried

(b) Larry Dekkema, Ballymore Building (South Aurora) Corp.

Re: Item 2 – HAC17-002 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 14452 Yonge Street

Mr. Dekkema provided information regarding the condition of the building located at 14452 Yonge Street.

## Moved by Barry Bridgeford Seconded by John Kazilis

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 2.

Carried

#### 5. Matters for Consideration

1. HAC17-001 – Request to Demolish a Property on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest 14574 Leslie Street

Staff presented an overview of the property and background information regarding the request. The Committee inquired about the Town's salvage program.

## Moved by James Hoyes Seconded by John Kazilis

- 1. That Report No. HAC17-001 be received; and
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the property located at 14574 Leslie Street be removed from the Aurora Registrar of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: and
  - (b) That a Notice of Withdrawal of Intent to Designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act be served to the Owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust and be published in the local newspapers; and
  - (c) That the Owner hire a professional consultant to report and document the deconstruction of the barn structures and farmhouse for educational purposes and that a copy of this report be provided to staff; and

- (d) That the Owner donate salvageable windows and doors to the Aurora Architectural Salvage Program; and
- (e) That the Owner preserve the internal laneway from future development; and
- (f) That future building elevations are subject to approval of Planning Staff.

  Carried

## 2. HAC17-002 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest 14452 Yonge Street

Staff presented a brief overview of the property and indicated that the owner wishes to demolish the structure and construct a new single-detached home on the property. Staff noted that the property is not impacted by the proposed 40-unit plan of subdivision to the west, and recommended conditions derived from the Heritage Impact Assessment offers mitigation methods for the structure and property.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the integrity of the Heritage Impact Assessment report which may have influenced the evaluation working group score.

Moved by Bob McRoberts Seconded by James Hoyes

- 1. That Report No. HAC17-002 be deferred; and
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That a structural report and re-evaluation of the property be brought back to a future Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

    Carried as amended

#### 3. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Proposed Alterations to an Existing Listed Heritage Property 24 Larmont Street

Staff presented a brief overview of the proposed alterations to the dwelling located on 24 Larmont Street and requested that the Committee provide any comments for consideration. The Committee expressed support towards the proposed alterations and noted that a lighter shade of colour for the second-storey façade may be more compatible.

#### Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the memorandum regarding Proposed Alterations to an Existing Listed Heritage Property, 24 Larmont Street, be received for information.

Carried

#### 6. Informational Items

#### 4. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Additional Information – Proposed Demolition of Existing Rear Addition and Accessory Structure to a Listed Heritage Building 23 Mosley Street

Staff indicated that the Committee requested elevations and a structural report for 23 Mosley Street at a previous meeting. The Committee expressed satisfaction towards the additional information and support of the proposals.

#### Moved by John Kazilis Seconded by James Hoyes

 That the memorandum regarding Additional Information – Proposed Demolition of Existing Rear Addition and Accessory Structure to a Listed Heritage Building, 23 Mosley Street, be received for information.

Carried

#### 5. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Doors Open Aurora 2017 – Saturday, August 19, 2017

Staff noted that the date for the annual Doors Open Aurora is set for August 19, 2017, and encouraged members to seek new locations and invite them to be included in the event.

### Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by Carol Gravelle

1. That the memorandum regarding Doors Open Aurora 2017 – Saturday, August 19, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

#### 6. Extracts from Council Meeting of December 13, 2016

Re: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016, and December 12, 2016

## Moved by Councillor Thom Seconded by John Kazilis

 That the Extracts from Council Meeting of December 13, 2016, regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 14, 2016, and December 12, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

#### 7. New Business

Bob McRoberts expressed concerns regarding the inclusion of Committee minutes on a Council agenda as an additional item, the day after the Committee meeting took place. The Committee indicated that there would be insufficient time for other members of Council to review.

Bob McRoberts recommended that staff reports of evaluated properties also include the overall score.

Bob McRoberts expressed concerns regarding the minor variance requests for 74 Centre Street, which were considered by the Committee of Adjustment on February

9, 2017. He stated that the Committee was under the impression that the Heritage Advisory Committee had no concerns; however, the variance requests had not come to the Heritage Advisory Committee. Staff indicated that the variances referred to the Zoning By-law and did not apply to the Heritage District Plan.

Councillor Thom discussed the merits of Heritage Assessment Reports that are written by a third party and are used when considering requests for demolition or removal from the Register. He suggested that the Committee should be provided with tools to provide these reports in order to make certain recommendations to Council.

#### 8. Adjournment

Moved by James Hoyes Seconded by John Kazilis

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless otherwise adopted by Council at a later meeting.