



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

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

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair), Neil Asselin, Barry Bridgeford, Carol Gravelle, James Hoyes (arrived 7:23 p.m.), John Kazilis, Bob McRoberts (Honorary Member), and Martin Paivio

Member(s) Absent: Councillor Jeff Thom (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Jeff Healey, Planner, and Sarah Murray, Council/Committee Secretary

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by John Kazilis
Seconded by Carol Gravelle

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017

Moved by John Kazilis
Seconded by Martin Paivio

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 8, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

**1. HAC17-012 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
34, 38, 42 and 46 George Street**

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the report.

The Committee expressed concern over Council's motion to remove additional properties from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and requested additional consultation with Council before commencing.

The Committee also expressed concern with revising the Aurora Register's Pending List without a clear proposal from the owner(s), and the lack of historical data on the matter before the Committee.

Motion to defer
Moved by Carol Gravelle
Seconded by Neil Asselin

That Report No. HAC17-012 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 34, 38, 42 and 46 George Street, be deferred to the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of July 17, 2017.

Motion to defer
Carried

**2. HAC17-013 – Heritage Status of the Aurora Train Station
121 Wellington Street East**

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and property in relation to the property's status under Part III.i of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Committee expressed its preference that the historic and cultural integrity of the Train Station be maintained and, as the property is currently owned by Metrolinx, staff indicated that they will encourage Metrolinx to consider Designation of the Train Station under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Committee also discussed the concept of a rail grade that travels under Wellington Street East, in an effort to preserve the sight line of the Train Station to ensure that it remains visible, similar to the design implemented at 14th Avenue west of Kennedy Road in Markham.

Councillor Gaertner requested that the Aurora Register's Pending List be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

**Moved by Carol Gravelle
Seconded by James Hoyes**

1. That Report No. HAC17-013 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That staff consult with Metrolinx with respect to a potential designation of the Historic Train Station at 121 Wellington Street East under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
 - (b) That staff prepare a report on the Heritage Impact Assessment to be released by Metrolinx for proposed upgrades; **and**
 - (c) **That, upon the possible sale of the Aurora Train Station by Metrolinx to a private entity, steps be taken to proceed with Part IV Designation; and**
 - (d) **That staff prepare a report on the impact of the proposed grade separation on Wellington Street East and that the alternative of a below-grade rail corridor be explored.**

Carried as amended

3. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Additional Information – Architectural Salvage Program

The Committee discussed options to promote the availability of the salvage items to local residents, and staff advised that an event would be arranged during the summer of 2017.

Moved by Martin Paivio

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the memorandum regarding Additional Information – Architectural Salvage Program be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That staff make items from the Architectural Salvage Program available to the public in the summer of 2017; and
 - (b) That a notice with respect to the event be published in the local newspapers and the Town of Aurora website.

Carried

6. Informational Items

4. HAC17-014 – Existing Heritage Status

Historical Yonge Street within the Aurora Promenade

Staff advised of the existing urban design and streetscape guidelines, which promotes heritage conservation and complementary design along Yonge Street. Staff also clarified the difference between seeking a Part IV or Part V designation pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Martin Paivio

1. That Report No. HAC17-014 be received; **and**
2. **That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:**
 - (a) **That staff be directed to evaluate individual properties along Yonge Street, from Wellington Street West/East to Tyler Street on**

the west side and Mosley Street on the east side, to consider designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Carried as amended

- 5. Extracts from Council Meetings of March 28 and May 9, 2017
Re: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13,
March 6, and April 10, 2017**

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by John Kazilis

1. That the Extracts from Council Meetings of March 28 and May 9, 2017, regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 13, March 6, and April 10, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

- 6. Memorandum from Acting Manager of Parks
Re: Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue**

Staff provided an overview of the Application and identified relevant polices within the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Plan, which speaks to the preservation of healthy trees and mature vegetation.

The Committee recognized the subject trees as heritage features.

Moved by Barry Bridgeford

Seconded by Neil Asselin

1. That the memorandum regarding Tree Removal Permit Application – 81 Catherine Avenue be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That all six (6) trees as part of the Tree Permit Application at 81 Catherine Avenue and 82 Centre Street remain in accordance with Section 4.6.2 and 5.7 of the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District Plan.

Carried

7. New Business

The Committee discussed the possible evaluation and designation of 122, 124 and 136 Wellington Street East. Staff advised that they could begin the process of seeking evaluation for designation and bring the matter back to the Committee for further discussion.

New Business Motion No. 1

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That staff be directed to initiate steps toward a Part IV designation of the Railway Hotel at 136 Wellington Street East and Baldwin's at 124 Wellington Street East and report back to the Committee.

Carried

The Committee raised concerns regarding 23 Mosley Street, which was before the Committee in December 2016 seeking approval for demolition of an existing rear addition and accessory structure. Staff advised that a building inspector will be notified of the discrepancies for further investigation.

The Committee inquired about the process to ensure that the approved drawings are implemented by an applicant. Staff advised that a building inspector will review the approved building permit plans compared to existing works onsite.

New Business Motion No. 2

Moved by Neil Asselin
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That staff be directed to advise the Heritage Advisory Committee on the works conducted at 23 Mosley Street and advise on any recourse on the property, including but not limited to the plans previously approved by the Heritage Advisory Committee and endorsed by Council.

Carried

The Committee inquired about works conducted at 28 Reuben Street and staff agreed to confirm whether a permit has been issued.

The Committee recognized that this is Carol Gravelle's last meeting and expressed appreciation to Carol for her contributions as a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Carol Gravelle

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Carried

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