

Town of Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Monday, March 5, 2018
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Bob McRoberts (Acting Chair and Honorary Member), Neil Asselin, Barry Bridgeford, James Hoyes, John Kazilis, Martin Paivio and Ken Turriff
Members Absent:	Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair), Councillor Jeff Thom (Vice Chair)
Other Attendees:	Councillor Tom Mrakas, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Jeff Healey, Planner, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Secretary

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Committee consented to appoint Bob McRoberts as Chair.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Ken Turriff Seconded by Neil Asselin

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

 Delegation (a) Larry Dekkema representing Ballymore Building (South Aurora) Corp.; Re: Item 2 – HAC18-005 – Additional Information: Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 14452 Yonge Street.

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 February 12, 2018

Moved by John Kazilis Seconded by James Hoyes

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 12, 2018, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

 (a) Larry Dekkema, representing Ballymore Building (South Aurora) Corp.
Re: Item 2 – HAC18-005 – Additional Information: 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 intent to remove the property from the heritage register, and noted that a structural report has been provided as requested by the Committee. He requested for an opportunity to discuss the financial contribution with staff, and responded to questions.

Moved by Barry Bridgeford Seconded by James Hoyes

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

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

The Committee consented to consider items in the following order: Item 2, 1 and 3.

1. HAC18-004 – Request to Designate under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, 19 and 21 Machell Avenue "The John van Nostrand House"

Staff provided a brief overview of the report.

The Committee inquired about the structural integrity and the process of designating the severed lots, and staff provided clarifications.

Moved by John Kazilis Seconded by Ken Turriff

- 1. That Report No. HAC18-004 be received; and
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That the House located at 19 and 21 Machell Avenue be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a properly of cultural heritage value or interest; and
 - (b) That the Town Clerk be authorized to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per requirements of the Act; and
 - (c) That the designation by-law be brought before Council for passing if no objections were received within the thirty (30) day objection period as per requirements of the Act; and
 - (d) That the owners of 19 and 21 Machell Avenue be thanked for their support of the designation of the subject heritage property.

Carried

2. HAC18-005 – Additional Information: Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 14452 Yonge Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the report.

The Committee and staff discussed about various aspects including the possibility of retaining and reusing the fieldstones during the demolition process, commemorative signage on the subject property, and the parameters of the financial contribution.

Moved by John Kazilis Seconded by Neil Asselin

- 1. That Report No. HAC18-005 be received; and
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That 14452 Yonge Street be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and
 - (b) That a financial contribution of \$75,000.00 or an amount to be determined by the Director of Planning and Development Services, be provided to the Town's Heritage Reserve Fund; and
 - (c) That the photographic documentation of the fieldstone removal be carried out during the demolition.

Carried as amended

3. HAC18-006 – East Holland River, Fish Barrier Removal, Restoration and Bridge Replacement

Staff provided a brief overview of the report.

The Committee and staff discussed the scope of preserving the culvert, the conceptual design, and durability of the proposed bridge reconstruction.

Moved by James Hoyes Seconded by Neil Asselin

- 1. That Report No. HAC18-006 be received; and
- 2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That the Town of Aurora enter into an agreement with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority on the East Holland River, Fish Barrier Removal, Restoration and Bridge Replacement project; and
 - (b) That staff be authorized to proceed with the preferred option to remove and replace the concrete culvert with a steel span bridge, salvaging the culvert for display opportunities.

6. Informational Items

4. Memorandum from Planner Re: Building Tension: When to tear down and when to build up

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum.

The Committee provided feedback on the podcast on heritage conservation in Canada.

Moved by James Hoyes Seconded by Martin Paivio

1. That the memorandum regarding Building Tension: When to tear down and when to build up, be received for information.

Carried

Extract from Council Meeting of February 13, 2018 Re: Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-01

Moved by John Kazilis Seconded by Neil Asselin

1. That the Extract from Council meeting of February 13, 2018 regarding the Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-01, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

The Committee inquired about the Aurora Heritage Awards and requested for further information regarding past awards, and staff agreed to follow up.

The Committee inquired about the Zoning By-law Amendment application for 103, 107 and 111 Metcalfe Street, and staff provided clarifications.

8. Adjournment

Moved by James Hoyes Seconded by Ken Turriff

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council.