



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Monday, April 1, 2019
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Neil Asselin (Chair), Bob McRoberts (Vice Chair), John Green, Matthew Kinsella, Jeff Lanthier, Hoda Soliman, and Councillor Sandra Humfryes
Members Absent:	None
Other Attendees:	Mayor Tom Mrakas (ex-officio), Adam Robb, Planner, and Ishita Soneji, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Committee Coordinator called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee Coordinator opened the floor to nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee for the 2018-2022 Term.

Jeff Lanthier nominated Neil Asselin as Chair. There being no other nominations, Neil Asselin was appointed Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Humfryes nominated Bob McRoberts as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, Bob McRoberts was appointed Vice Chair of the Committee.

Neil Asselin assumed the Chair at 7:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

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, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019

Moved by Councillor Humfryes

Seconded by John Green

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 5, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. HAC19-001 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 97 Wellington Street East

Staff introduced Mr. Wayne Morgan, Heritage Planner, representing the owners of 97 Wellington Street East, who presented an overview of the Cultural Heritage Assessment that he conducted on the subject property based on the history of the site, and provided details of the site examination, and comparisons with the Provincial and Aurora heritage criteria. He mentioned that the property is not part of the historic streetscape and requested that the property be removed from the register.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Bob McRoberts**

That the presentation be received for information.

Carried

The Committee and staff discussed about the possibilities of incorporating the existing building into the proposed designs, and staff noted that salvaging the north stained glass window and woodwork from the main interior staircase would be required as per the recommendation, and that any future alterations would be subject to the Design Review Panel approval and review.

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Matthew Kinsella**

1. That Report No. HAC19-001 be received; and
2. That the comments from the Heritage Advisory Committee regarding the following recommendations be incorporated into a report to General Committee:
 - (a) That the property located at 97 Wellington Street East be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;
 - (b) That in the event of a demolition application, the north elevation stained glass window and all woodwork from the main interior staircase from the ground to the upper floors be salvaged in accordance with the Town of Aurora's Architectural Salvage Program Guide and re-used in any potential development on site; and
 - (c) That prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, future building elevations be subject to Planning Staff approval or review by the Design Review Panel to ensure that the design of any replacement building is done sympathetically.

Carried

2. HAC19-003 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 1625-1675 St. John’s Sideroad

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and background, noting that a Heritage Working Group Evaluation has been added and that an additional staff recommendation has been added to ensure retention of any landscape sightlines present on the site.

The Committee discussed and inquired about the implications of any unwarranted demolition and the options for storing and future use of salvaged fieldstones, and the means of retaining the equestrian history through the future designs.

**Moved by Matthew Kinsella
Seconded by Jeff Lanthier**

1. That Report No. HAC19-003 be received; and
2. That the comments from the Heritage Advisory Committee regarding the following recommendations be incorporated into a report to General Committee:
 - (a) That the property located at 1625-1675 St. John’s Sideroad be removed from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;
 - (b) That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision approval for the proposed Business Park, the owner, at their expense, be required to name future streets and erect a heritage plaque commemorating the equestrian history of the property to the satisfaction of the Town; and
 - (c) That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision approval for the proposed Business Park, the owner, at their expense, prepare a Views Study to evaluate the potential for retaining any landscape sightlines present on the site; **and**

- (d) **That as a condition of a future Draft Plan of Subdivision, the owner contribute to the Heritage Reserve Fund at an amount to be determined by staff; and**
- (e) **That the owner store the salvaged fieldstones of the barn foundation for future use in the Town or within the proposed development.**

Carried as amended

6. Informational Items

Staff provided the following updates to the Committee:

- The designation appeal period for 50-100 Bloomington Road West (De La Salle College) passed without any appeals, and a designation by-law is forthcoming.
- The heritage designation by-law for 124 Wellington Street East was passed by Council on March 26, 2019.
- The designation for various properties on Yonge Street has been appealed, and a pre-hearing settlement is forthcoming.
- The heritage designation of 136 Wellington Street East has been appealed, and staff will be following through the appeal process.
- The recruitment of members to the Design Review Panel (DRP) is currently underway.

7. Adjournment

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Hoda Soliman

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Carried