



Town of Aurora
Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Monday, November 4, 2019
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Neil Asselin, John Green, Matthew Kinsella, Bob McRoberts (Vice Chair), Hoda Soliman
Members Absent:	Jeff Lanthier, Councillor Sandra Humfryes
Other Attendees:	Mayor Tom Mrakas (ex-officio), Carlson Tsang, Planner, Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

The Vice Chair welcomed new staff member Carlson Tsang, Planner, to the Committee.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by John Green

Seconded by Neil Asselin

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 June 3, 2019

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Neil Asselin

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 3, 2019, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. HAC19-005 – Doors Open Aurora 2019 – Event Summary Report

Staff provided a brief overview of the report highlighting the event attendance, visitor survey results, and advertising, and noted that the 2020 event estimated costs are not expected to increase above the expenditures of the 2019 event.

The Committee inquired about the possibility of holding the Doors Open Aurora 2020 event in the fall instead of the summer, and suggestions were offered toward improving the impact of event promotion efforts through social media.

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

1. That Report No. HAC19-005 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee extend a thank you to the following individuals and groups for their support of Doors Open Aurora 2019:
 - (a) All site owners/operators;
 - (b) All volunteers and site staff;
 - (c) The Auroran newspaper; and

(d) The Mayor, Members of Council, and supporting Town staff.

Carried

2. HAC19-006 – Mitigation Tactics to Prevent Illegal Demolition of Listed Heritage Buildings

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and the two proposed strategies to prevent unlawful demolition of listed heritage buildings.

The Committee inquired about the proposed \$10,000 security deposit on demolition permit applications and suggested that a higher amount, possibly determined by property category and a sliding scale, may be more effective in discouraging illegal demolition. The Committee further inquired about current punitive measures and suggested a property freeze option. Staff provided clarification regarding provisions under the *Planning Act* and emphasized the need for a comprehensive review of the Town's Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest toward identifying those listed properties that may be eligible for designation and increased protection under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Committee further suggested that incentives could be offered to those who comply with the process. It was agreed that any collected monies should be allocated to the Town's Heritage Reserve fund.

Moved by Matthew Kinsella
Seconded by Hoda Soliman

1. That Report No. HAC19-006 be received; and
2. That the comments and suggestions regarding Mitigation Tactics to Prevent Illegal Demolition of Listed Heritage Buildings be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6. Informational Items

3. HAC19-004 – Approval of Heritage Permit HPA-19-05 under Delegated Authority

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and approved application to allow the construction of a second-level deck at the rear of a heritage building known as The Parteger House at 220 Old Yonge Street.

The Committee noted the 2016 Heritage designation of the property and expressed concerns regarding the planned alteration of the bunker roof under the proposed deck, as well as the projection of the deck beyond the south walls of the house. Staff agreed to contact the Building Division regarding the application status and request that the owner consider working with staff in adjusting the plans. Staff further agreed to request additional deck plan information, including baluster and railing details, and provide a future update to the Committee.

Main motion as amended

Moved by Matthew Kinsella

Seconded by Hoda Soliman

1. That Report No. HAC19-004 be received; **and**
2. **That the comments and suggestions regarding Report No. HAC19-004 – Approval of Heritage Permit HPA-19-05 under Delegated Authority be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.**

Carried as amended

**4. Memorandum from Deputy Town Clerk
Re: Advisory Committee Chair Rotation**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum. The Committee agreed to address this matter at the next meeting in December 2019.

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by John Green

1. That the memorandum regarding Advisory Committee Chair Rotation be received for information.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by Neil Asselin

Seconded by Matthew Kinsella

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Carried