

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2008
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Location: Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Avenue

Present: Chair Mary Louise Ashbourne, Vice Chair Norm McLeod,
Claudia Benedek, Madeleine McDowell, Joseph Muller,
Thomas Wicks

Regrets: Kemi Villasa
Absent: Councillors Nunziata, Milczyn and Palacio

Adoption of Agenda:

Declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- none

2008-4 #1 **Minutes** – Review of Meeting Minutes from first meeting: no questions or comments were offered by those present and the Minutes were adopted.

2008-4 #2 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

2008-4 #2.1 **Appointment of secretary** – Claudia Benedek appointed as Secretary.

2008-4 #2.2 **Review of meeting location** – Swansea Town Hall was agreed upon by the Panel as the future meeting location with the Lambton House to serve as an alternate location when necessary. Madeleine McDowell motioned and Joe Muller seconded. The next meeting will be held at the Swansea Town Hall on Monday May 5, 2008 at 7:30pm.

2008-4 #2.3 **Review of Bloor Street properties** – Heritage Preservation Services has advised that before doing the research, we should forward photographs to Preservation Services for assessment as to whether they meet the criteria for listing. If approved, the Panel should pursue listing and/or designation and should provide photographs and supporting information.

- 2008-4 #2.4 **Reminder of Etobicoke York Round Table** – Saturday April 12, 2008 from 9:30am to 12:00pm at Montgomery’s Inn. RSVP to Randall Reid at Montgomery’s Inn.
- 2008-4 #2.5 **Discussion of attendance at Archive Workshop** – Research workshop at Toronto Archives with Kathryn Anderson on Saturday April 19, 2008 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Mary Louise Ashbourne, Norm McLeod, Madeleine McDowell and Joe Muller to attend; RSVP on behalf of members by Mary Louise Ashbourne.
- 2008-4 #2.6 **Review of status of Old Mill Application to build a condominium on the upper parking lot** – Madeleine McDowell discussed the prohibition of future building on the parking lots that was registered on title at the time of the Easement Agreement between the former City of York, the Metropolitan Toronto Regional Conservation Authority and the owner of the Old Mill. The Kingsway Ratepayers’ Association may consider an appeal of the ruling to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- 2008-4 #2.7 **Further discussion of encouraging/promoting the idea of Swansea Conservation Districts** – Norman McLeod discussed the intent of pursuing listing or designation of individual buildings or the establishment of a heritage conservation district. It was again noted that a local committee should attempt to establish a list of criteria that would be acceptable to the majority of property owners prior to any attempt for the designation of a heritage conservation district.
- 2008-4 #3 **NEW BUSINESS**
- 2008-4 #3.1 **Review of numbering system for minutes** – Vice Chair Norman McLeod suggested that the system of numbering the minute items be revised to indicate Year-Month #Item Number. This suggestion was agreed upon by the Panel members; therefore, the minutes for the meeting held on April 7, 2008 will be numbered 2008-4 and there will not be minutes issued numbered 2008-3.
- 2008-4 #3.2 **Review of Etobicoke York properties to be demolished** – Mary Louise Ashbourne reported on unlisted properties in Etobicoke York with pending demolition permits that was sent to her by Heritage Preservation Services.
- 2008-4 #3.3 **Review of grant for expenses** – A grant of \$1000.00 for special events and expenses incurred by Panel members is available.

Thomas Wicks, Treasurer, to maintain expense reports and submit to the City periodically for reimbursement.

- 2008-4 #3.4 **Dedication of Tuhbenahneequay Grove, May 1997** – Madeleine McDowell reported on the dedication by the City of York of the Tuhbenahneequay oak grove and the consideration of individual trees for designation as natural heritage. This led to discussion of the possibility of considering significant green spaces such as High Park for designation as a natural heritage site and Norman McLeod informed the Panel of the Colborne Lodge Heritage Fair held each October.
- 2008-4 #3.5 **Western Waterfront Master Plan** – Norman McLeod reported on some of the suggestions presented at a public consultation meeting held by the City at Swansea Town hall on Thursday April 3, 2008, including the closure of Colborne Lodge Drive and the construction of a causeway from Colborne Lodge to the waterfront.
- 2008-4 #3.6 **Inventory of bridges across Humber River** – Madeleine McDowell, Co-Chair of the Heritage Sub-Committee of the Toronto Conservation Authority, reported on the Authority's intention to create an inventory of all bridges that cross the Humber River with a later focus on bridges with heritage value. The Authority may have access to a summer student but is requesting the assistance of the Panel in the creation of the inventory. Norman McLeod motioned to support the request and Thomas Wicks seconded the motion.
- 2008-4 #3.7 **Appointment to Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee** – Panel Chair Mary Louise Ashbourne reported on the possible appointment of a Panel member to the Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee to act as a liaison between Heritage Toronto and the Panel. Thomas Wicks and Claudia Benedek to consider the appointment.
- 2008-4 #3.8 **Updating of contact information** – Heritage Toronto is updating their contact information and Panel members were asked to specify their willingness to disclose mailing addresses and/or email addresses. It was determined that the Panel members would provide email addresses only.
- 2008-4 #3.9 **Victoria-Royce Presbyterian Church** – Madeleine McDowell reported on the condominium conversion planned for Victoria-Royce Presbyterian Church and expressed concern over the plans for the stained glass windows which may have been

created by McCausland Stained Glass Studio. Madeleine McDowell motioned to investigate the plans for the windows and possible avenues for their preservation and Claudia Benedek seconded the motion.

2008-4 #4 **NEW BUSINESS FORWARDED TO NEXT MEETING**

2008-4 #4.1 **Properties identified by previous panel** – Madeleine McDowell suggested the review of properties identified by the previous Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel that were considered for listing or designation. Mary Louise Ashbourne advised that they should be photographed and the issue forwarded until the next meeting.

2008-4 #4.2 **Etobicoke properties for listing/designation** – Thomas Wicks suggested the review of properties in the Etobicoke area that might be considered for listing or designation, specifically a property near the intersection of Royal York and Bloor. The Panel discussed requesting a list from Heritage Services that identifies properties in Etobicoke that have been listed or designated. Mary Louise Ashbourne requested that Thomas Wicks provide the address and photographs of the property near Royal York and Bloor and forwarded the issue until the next meeting.

2008-4 #5 **EVENTS TO BE NOTED**

2008-4 #5.1 **West Toronto Junction 100th Anniversary Walks** – Saturday April 12, 2008 and Sunday April 13, 2008.

2008-4 #5.2 **West Toronto Junction Heritage Tour** – Saturday May 31, 2008 at 1:30pm to begin at the TTC loop at Runnymede and Dundas. Organized by the West Toronto Junction Historical Society, this will be a Heritage Toronto Walk.

2008-4 #5.3 **Ellis Avenue Tour** - Saturday June 7, 2008 at 1:00pm to begin at Morningside-High Park Church. Organized by the Swansea Historical Society.

2008-4 #5.4 **Jane's Walk** – Saturday May 3, 2008 at 1:00pm. Jane Jacob's walk beginning at Bloor and Jane, ending at the Lambton House. Walk to be lead by Madeleine McDowell and David Orsini. Refer to website for other Walks and details (<http://www.janeswalk.net/>)

2008-4 #5.5 **Heritage Fair** – Thursday September 4, 2008, tentatively scheduled from 4:00pm until sunset, as part of Montgomery Inn's annual Corn Roast.

2008-4 #6 **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence

2008-4 #7 **Other Business:** none

2008-4 #8 **Adjournment.**