

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 4

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Mary Ann Cross, Mark Duffield, Karl Frank, Linda Gargaro, Edith Geduld (Chair), Alex Grenzebach, Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Lian Zhao

Guests: Scott Barrett and Ronan Olwill, Heritage Preservation Services

Regrets: Councillor John Fillion

Absent: Steve Pitt

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Panel adopted the proposed agenda, as amended, on a motion by M.A. Cross, seconded by W. Neidhardt. Carried.

There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

PUBLIC MEETINGS - PRESENTATIONS:

There were no items of public meeting or presentation nature on this agenda.

- 2008-4-1** **NYCPP Minutes** (Report No. 3, April 14, 2008)
Moved by R. Kingma, seconded by K. Frank, that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held April 14, 2008 be approved, as amended. Carried.
- 2008-4-2** **Business Arising**
- 3.3.2** **1299 Don Mills Road (George Gray House) Ward 34**
E. Geduld confirmed that she has informed the real estate agent that the property is listed on the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties.
- 3.3.3** **Doors Open Toronto**
Doors Open Toronto, May 24-25. E. Geduld is planning to visit the Downsview site in advance of the event.
- 3.3.4** **William Goodwin House (355 Lesmill Road) Ward 24**
A site visit will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m.
- 3.3.8** **Green Meadows/The McDougald Estate (5365 Leslie Street) Ward 33 – plaque unveiling.**
The Panel and the North York Historical Society will partner to provide refreshments. They will contact local stores for donations. Otherwise, lemonade and cookies will need to be purchased. Anyone interested in volunteering at the event should contact E. Geduld.
- 2008-4-3** **Chair's Report**
- 4.3.1** **Panel Flyers**
E. Geduld confirmed that flyers were sent to the North York Councillors in April. A batch will also be delivered to the distribution hub for the Toronto Public Library (North York area). Approval has been given to distribute bundles of 25 flyers.

4.3.2 Toronto Historical Association

The THA's Annual General Meeting was held at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse on May 7, 2008.

The THA is negotiating an insurance proposal (which would include liability insurance) at a cost of \$750.00 per year. The cost would in turn be spread among the THA's member organizations. The THA will provide additional details regarding the coverage. The cost for the Panel would be \$10-\$25 per year.

Moved by W. Neidhardt, seconded by A. Grenzebach, that the Panel support the Toronto Historical Association's insurance proposal. Carried.

4.3.3 CHO/ACO/CAPHC Conference

The joint CHO/ACO/CAPHC conference will be held in Collingwood from May 30-June 1, 2008. The theme is "*Landmark Not Landfill*". The Panel will contribute to expenses for those members who are planning to attend.

Additional information regarding the conference can be found at on the Ontario Heritage Connection's web site www.ontarioheritageconnection.org

2008-4-4 Election of Vice-Chair

The election of the Vice-Chair was deferred to the next meeting. It was recommended that one of the six new appointees to the Panel consider taking on the role.

2008-4-5 Financial Report

There was no financial report

2008-4-6 Heritage Conservation Districts

Heritage Preservation Services, Scott Barrett (Senior Preservation Coordinator) and Ronan Olwill attended the meeting to discuss the project with students from Ryerson University Planning Studio for mapping potential Heritage Conservation Districts.

Sixty potential HCDs were identified, excluding current HCDs or Council authorized study areas. In addition, there are 30-40 other areas which have been identified by HPS staff. At this point, the work has been totally research-based (i.e., no field work has been undertaken) and the list will need to be vetted and finalized by staff.

A draft map created through the project was circulated for review and withdrawn by staff. The potential HCDs of relevance to the Panel include: Willowdale, Lansing, Downsview, Don Mills and York Mills (in the former City of North York); Leaside (in the former Borough of East York); Lawrence Park, Teddington Park, Bedford Park and Lytton Park (in the former City of Toronto).

The Panel was asked for its assistance in identifying additional HCDs, broadly described as "areas of character and history", which could be commercial, residential or industrial in nature.

Comments and suggestions were requested by May 16th in preparation for a Community Consultation Meeting on May 28th to address Proposed Official Plan Amendment to support funding HCDs studies as an eligible Section 37 Community Benefit.

2008-4-7 Heritage Toronto

4.7.1 Conservation Committee Report

M.A. Cross advised that the next meeting of the Conservation Committee has been postponed to Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

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4.7.2 Heritage Toronto Awards

The deadline for submission of applications is June 2, 2008. As in previous years, E. Geduld will send letters to the North York Councillors asking for recommendations.

Moved by M.A. Cross, seconded by M. Duffield, that the Panel nominate the North Toronto Historical Society in the Community Heritage Award category. Carried.

A. Grenzebach suggested the house at 22 St. Leonard's Avenue as a possible nominee in the William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship category.

2008-4-8 Special Community Event

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, E. Geduld suggested an event celebrating modern architecture, which could be undertaken in conjunction with the three local historical societies. Councillor Filion has suggested organic/pioneer gardening, although it is not certain that this topic would meet the criteria.

A proposal will need to be submitted as soon as possible.

2008-4-9 112 Blythwood Road (Ward 25)

E. Geduld reported on the discussions at the April 18, 2008 meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board, regarding the demolition of the house at 112 Blythwood Road (in the Blythwood HCD) and the plans for the construction of a replacement structure. She noted that Rick Coombs of Nexus Architects represented the applicants (who had already been to Committee of Adjustment), although he was not the architect of the proposed design. The Panel's concerns regarding the scale of the replacement structure were raised at the meeting.

The issue was deferred by the TPB to its May 22, 2008 meeting, with a request that the project architects be present to answer questions, and also work with HPS staff to improve the design of the portico and the dormer windows.

E. Geduld deputed at NY Community Council, on May 6th, explaining the Panel's concerns. NY Community Council supported the revised design. E. Geduld has forwarded PDF files of the revised design to Panel members.

Scott Barrett indicated that he would take a recommendation to the HPS staff that Committee of Adjustment listings be circulated to the Panels.

2008-4-10 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills) Ward 25

E. Geduld and Gary Miedema (Heritage Plaques and Markers Co-ordinator, Heritage Toronto) met with Wendy Greenwood (Director of Marketing) and Wayne Lee (Manager, Design Simulation, Architecture & Design) from Cadillac Fairview on April 25, 2008. It was agreed that the "town square" would be the best location for the plaques.

There will be additional consultation. D. Campbell and K. Frank will continue to be involved. Draft text of the plaques will be provided to the Panel for review.

2008-4-11 Correspondence

4.11.1 City Clerk's Office (April 24, 2008)

NYCC Agenda item re. Demolition of a Structure within the Blythwood HCD and Approval of a Replacement Structure

2008-4-12 Toronto Preservation Board Report April 18, 2008

Items of interest included:

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Demolition of a Structure within the Blythwood HCD and Approval of a Replacement Structure

112 Blythwood Road (see item 2008-4-09) Ward 25

Approval of Alterations to a Heritage Building and Authority to Enter into a Heritage Easement Agreement

832 Bay Street (Addison on Bay Showroom) Ward 27. The heritage facades will be retained.

Approval of Alterations to a Heritage Property and Intention to Designate

1 Front Street East (Sony Centre; formerly O'Keefe and Hummingbird Centres) Ward 28. Request for partial demolition and designation.

2008-4-13 Demolition Reports

E. Geduld thanked M. A. Cross for circulating the demolition reports to the Panel.

2008-4-14 Research Workshops

Panel members who attended the workshops were asked to forward their comments to E. Geduld, who will prepare a report. What was useful? What information was lacking?

2008-4-15 Panel Map

M. Duffield presented a new concept for the map, which would be printed in a larger format and folded like a road map. It was noted that the legend would need to be edited significantly to fit on the back of the map.

Due to time constraints, the draft legend will be used for Doors Open Toronto.

2008-4-16 Lawrence Park Listing Project

A. Grenzebach has agreed to take the lead on this project. Several residents in the Lawrence Park area have also offered to help. In total, there are approximately 30 properties which are of interest.

E. Geduld stressed the need to begin the project and move it forward.

2008-4-17 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2008.

2008-4-18 Adjournment

It was moved by M. Duffield that the meeting be adjourned. 9:15 p.m. Carried.