

# NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

## MINUTES

### Report No. 5

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, June 9, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

**Present:** Mary Ann Cross, Linda Gargaro, Edith Geduld (Chair), Alex Grenzebach, Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Steve Pitt, Lian Zhao

**Regrets:** Mark Duffield, Councillor John Fillion, Karl Frank

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The Panel adopted the proposed agenda 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.

- 2008-5-1 NYCPP Minutes** (Report No. 4, May 12, 2008)  
Moved by A. Grenzebach, seconded by L. Zhao, that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held May 12, 2008 be approved, as amended. Carried.
- 2008-5-2 Business Arising**
- 4-2 (3.3.3) Doors Open Toronto**  
Information on the Downsview site's plan was not provided until May 20<sup>th</sup> and only the Rhema Christian Ministries' building was going to be open (in keeping with the "Places of Worship Theme"). Due to the proposed location within the Discovery Centre, both the Panel and the North York Historical Society decided to cancel their participation.
- 4-2 (3.3.8) Green Meadows/The McDougald Estate (5365 Leslie St.) Ward 33** The plaque unveiling will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A fruit plate will be donated by Galati Market Fresh Inc., other expenses will be shared between the Panel and the North York Historical Society. E. Geduld will bring copies of the Panel's flyers. Panel members are encouraged to attend.
- 4-9 112 Blythwood Road (Ward 25)**  
At its May 22, 2008 meeting, the Toronto Preservation Board supported the revised design.
- 4-14 Research Workshops**  
The Chair has not yet received any reports from Panel members who attended the workshops. She will follow up regarding the handouts from the workshops for those who did not receive them.

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**2008-5-3 Chair's Report**

**5.3.1 5170 Yonge Street (Menkes Gibson Square) Development (Ward 23)**

The Chair provided an update on the OMB hearing, which concluded on May 22nd, one day earlier than planned. Four members of the community addressed the panel, including Dan Christante from the Gibson House Museum Management Board. As previously noted, the hearing focused on the issue of residential vs non-residential land use and not site plan or design.

**5.3.2 Park Renaming: Green Belt Park, 25 Jessie Drive (near Don Mills/CPR tracks) Ward 34**

A call was made to the North York Historical Society, who has offered their archives for research. Recommendations from Panel members are welcome.

**2008-5-4 Financial Report**

There was no financial report.

**2008-5-5 Election of Vice Chair**

The new members of the Panel held an in-camera session to discuss the election of a Vice Chair. W. Neidhardt, speaking on behalf of the group, indicated that none of the new Panel members are currently prepared to take on what they feel is a very onerous job. K. Frank, who was not present, will be contacted to see if he is interested in the position.

The Chair expressed her disappointment and concern, indicating that she may need to refer the issue to the Toronto Preservation Board or look for another new recruit who would be willing to take on the role.

E. Geduld indicated that she would stay on as Chair until the end of the year. A. Grenzbech will continue as Vice Chair.

**2008-5-6 William Goodwin House (355 Lesmill Road) Ward 23**

On May 20<sup>th</sup> Norman De Fraeye (Supervisor) and Beth McEwen of Parks and Recreation opened up the house for inspection by the Chair and G. Geduld (President, North York Historical Society). Much more than basic maintenance is required, for example, the foundation construction and roof repair. The building would be used during the summer months by staff. B. McEwen is looking into the possibility of Parks and Recreation providing some funding.

As there is no documentation regarding the house or the move from Yonge Street, E. Geduld has begun to make some inquiries.

**2008-5-7 349 Kenneth Avenue (Willowdale United Church) Ward 23**

E. Geduld has been contacted by a WUC board representative with regard to the construction of an accessibility ramp for this listed building. She noted grants from the City are for restoration work only and this project is not eligible.

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The Chair has recommended that they apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant. Suggestions for other grants or sources of funding are welcome.

### **2008-5-8 43 Rochester Avenue (A.J. Casson House) Ward 25**

L. Gargaro has prepared a write up emphasizing the cultural attributes of the artist and his home. A. Grenzebach has provided photographs of the artist and property.

Moved by L. Gargaro, seconded by M.A. Cross, that the request to list the property be resubmitted to Heritage Preservation Services. Carried.

Follow-up with representatives from the McMichael Gallery was recommended.

### **2008-5-9 3590 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche House/Zoroastrian Centre) Ward 25**

Although it has been rumoured that a demolition application has been submitted, Heritage Preservation Services staff have confirmed that it has not yet been received. The issue was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

### **2008-5-10 Heritage Toronto**

#### **5.10.1 Conservation Committee Report**

M. A. Cross provided a report on the meeting held May 20, 2008. She noted that:

- Pamela Craig is now the Toronto & East York Community Preservation representative on the Committee.
- William (Bill) Greer attended the meeting to discuss the possible expansion of the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties, by using a similar process to that used by Los Angeles to expand its heritage inventory. Peggy Mooney will contact LA and prepare a work plan.
- Donald Smith discussed how the Guild Inn could be restored to 1930 condition by removing subsequent additions. No direction or recommendation was provided by the Committee.
- Upper Canada's First Parliament Site. A letter to Greg Sorbara, M.P.P., who is overseeing a taskforce on the revitalization of Ontario Tourism, will be prepared for signature by Peter Ortved, Chair, Heritage Toronto, encouraging Mr. Sobara to discuss this issue with the Minister of Culture, Aileen Carroll, in order to gain her support for action.
- A condo project opposite the Old Mill, on the west side of the Humber River, has been approved by City Council.
- Street Naming Policy. Ann Rowan will draft a letter to be sent from the Chair to the City to determine the status of the document.

#### **5.10.2 Heritage Toronto Awards**

Two nominations have been submitted on behalf of the Panel:

- The North Toronto Historical Society in the Community

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- Heritage Award category, prepared by A. Grenzebach;
- 22 St. Leonard's Avenue, in the William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship category; prepared by the owners, Blaine Rust and Linda Pellowe. E. Geduld will send a letter of thanks to the owners.

The awards will be presented in October.

**2008-5-11 North York District Potential Heritage Conservation Districts**

E. Geduld attended the public meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> regarding a proposed Official Plan Amendment for Section 37 funding of Heritage Conservation Districts. Peter Langdon, Project Manager, City Planning Division and Scott Barrett, Senior Preservation Coordinator, Heritage Preservation Services, gave presentations. Copies of the presentation are available on request.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, HPS staff provided the Panel with descriptive texts of potential districts to review and amend by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Chair thanked the Panel for their speedy responses and assistance.

Heritage Preservation Services Staff will report to a statutory public meeting of the Planning and Growth Management Committee on July 2, 2008. E. Geduld is planning to attend and will report back to the Panel.

**2008-5-12 Special Community Event**

E. Geduld noted that there is considerable interest in holding an event to celebrate and recognize modern architecture in North York. A potential date between October 27 and November 14 been proposed, with the North York Civic Centre as a potential location.

E. Geduld will contact the Toronto Society of Architects as well as the three, East York Historical Society, North Toronto Historical Society and the North York Historical Society.

Moved by A. Grenzebach, seconded by M. A. Cross, that the Chair be authorized to put together an event proposal for submission to the Toronto Preservation Board. Carried.

**2008-5-13 Lawrence Park Research Project**

S. Pitt, L. Gregaro, W. Neidhart and R. Kingma agreed to help. A. Grenzebach will coordinate the project and will confer with Heritage Preservation Services staff to create a research plan. Work will begin within the next month.

A. Grenzebach suggested that building permits and assessment rolls could be researched starting with the 30 or so houses built prior WWII. City Directories could also be useful.

**2008-5-14 Correspondence**

**5.14.1 City Clerk's Office, May 12, 2008 re. 85 Laird Drive, May 12, 2008**

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Notice of Passing Zoning By-Law #394-2008. Purpose and effect is to permit the development of four motor vehicle dealerships.

**5.14.2 York University Secondary Plan Update (Undated)**

Open House & Community Consultation Meeting, June 4, 2008.

**2008-5-15 Toronto Preservation Board Report**

The minutes of the meeting held May 22, 2008 have not yet been received.

**2008-5-16 Other Business**

**5.16.1 On-line Database**

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of preparing an on-line, interactive database with photographs of listed and designated properties. It was suggested that the Panel map (originally provided by Survey Mapping Services, City of Toronto) be used as the basis for the project.

**2008-5-17 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2008, but will be held only if necessary. A decision will be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2008-5-18 Adjournment**

It was moved by R. Kingma that the meeting be adjourned. 9:00 p.m.  
Carried.