

# NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

## MINUTES

### Report No. 1

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, January 12, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room #3, North York Civic Centre

**Present:** Linda Gargaro, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Ruth Kingma, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Mary Ann Cross, Mark Duffield, Councillor John Filion, Karl Frank, Edith Geduld (Chair), Wilf Neidhardt

**Guest:** Geoff Kettel

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

The Panel adopted the proposed agenda, as amended.

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.

**2009-1-1 Quorum:** As there were insufficient attendees for a quorum, all motions will be ratified at the March meeting.

**2009-1-2 NYCPP Minutes** (Report No. 9, November 20, 2008)  
Approval of the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held November 20, 2008 was deferred to the next meeting of the Panel.

#### **2009-1-3 Business Arising**

##### **9-2 Humber River Bridge Inventory**

S. Pitt reported that he is continuing to assist with research and noted that Task Force members will be visiting the Scarborough Archives to review photographs of bridges on the Humber River.

##### **9.3.1 Community Preservation Panel Replacements**

A. Grenzebach reported that Geoff Kettel has completed the interview process and that his appointment to the Panel will be considered by the North York Community Council on January 13, 2009. The appointment will be ratified by City Council at its next meeting.

##### **9.3.2 North York Community Preservation Panel Meetings 2009**

E. Geduld has confirmed that meetings of the Panel will be held on following dates:

Thursday, February 26, 2009  
Monday, March 26, 2009  
Monday, April 20, 2009  
Monday, May 25, 2009

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All meetings will be held in Committee Room #5 at the North York Civic Centre from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### **9.3.4 Preservation Board Information Session**

A. Grenzebach reported that he would be attending the information session on January 16, 2009. G. Kettel was also invited to attend.

#### **2009-1-4 Chair's Report**

In E. Geduld's absence, there was no Chair's Report.

#### **2009-1-5 Financial Report**

There was no Financial Report

#### **2009-1-6 1325, 1351 and 1365 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Apartments) Ward 26**

G. Kettel reported on the situation regarding the Talbot Apartments. He noted that there are three issues:

1. Heritage Designation

City Council passed a notice of intention to designate the properties in 2007. The notice was appealed to the Conservation Review Board, who agreed that the properties possess sufficient cultural heritage value to warrant designation. This item will be on the North York Community Council agenda for January 13<sup>th</sup> and go forward to City Council next meeting.

2. Planning Approvals

An Official Plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment application for the properties was refused by the City and subsequently appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. A prehearing conference has been scheduled for January 26, 2009.

3. Demolition Application

Council's decision to refuse a demolition application has been appealed to the Ontario Superior Court on a claim that Council did not respond to the demolition application within the 90-day waiting period. A hearing was set for January 9, 2009.

The Panel will continue to monitor the situation.

#### **2009-1-7 2275 Bayview Avenue (Glendon Hall Manor and Gatehouse)**

An application to demolish a greenhouse on this listed property has been made, as it is reported to have become unsafe. The greenhouse is only briefly mentioned in the reasons for preservation and all remaining structures on the estate will remain in place and intact. Heritage Preservation Services' staff advises that demolishing this structure will not adversely affect the cultural heritage value. The property is owned by York University.

A. Grenzebach and G. Kettel visited the site and photographs were circulated. Although the Panel would prefer that this structure be preserved, it was agreed not to formally object to the demolition application.

#### **2009-1-8 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee Report**

In M.A. Cross's absence, there was no Conservation Committee Report.

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The Panel expressed its appreciation to Ms. Cross for her efforts in preparing the Panel's submission to *Heritage Toronto's Building Storeys: A Photo Exhibit of Toronto's Aging Spaces*. The North York buildings in the exhibit are the Milne House, the William Goodman House and the Talbot Apartments.

### **2009-1-9 Lawrence Park Research Project**

A. Grenzebach reported on the status of the Lawrence Park research project, noting that photographs have now been taken of most of the properties. He will organize the research material provided into a format, which can be submitted, to Kathryn Anderson, Preservation Officer, HPS.

### **2009-1-10 Other Business**

#### **1.10.1 North York Modernist Architecture Event**

Moved by S. Pitt and seconded by L. Gargaro that the Chair be authorized to request funding for an event regarding modernist architecture in North York. Carried.

#### **1.10.2 Heritage Canada Foundation Annual Conference**

The Heritage Canada Foundation's annual conference will be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto from September 24-26, 2009. The theme is "The Heritage Imperative: Old Buildings in an Age of Environmental Crisis".

#### **1.10.3 Gerald Gladstone Sculptures**

G. Kettel reported that there is some interest in raising the profile of Canadian sculptor Gerald Gladstone, who died in 2005. Mr. Gladstone's work in Toronto includes pieces at Queen's Park, the S. Walter Stewart Public Library and Yorkdale Mall.

#### **1.10.4 14 Blyth Hill Road**

A. Grenzebach provided images of the property for the Panel and advised that this was an example of mid-1950s modernist architecture. He volunteered to investigate further to determine whether listing should be considered. It was noted that the owner's daughter has corresponded with E. Geduld.

#### **1.10.5 Heritage Showcase**

The Toronto Historical Association's Heritage Showcase will be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Toronto City Hall. Although the Panel has participated in the past, it was suggested that this is not the best use of the Panel's resources.

#### **1.10.6 Panel Visibility**

A. Grenzebach led a discussion regarding ways in which the Panel can increase its visibility. Suggestions included:

1. Circulate minutes of Panel Meetings to North York Community Councillors, historical societies (including the North York Historical Society, the North Toronto Historical Society and the East York Historical Society)

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and local ratepayers associations. G. Kettel suggested that the minutes be sent to FONTRA (the Federation of North Toronto Ratepayers Associations) for distribution to their members.

2. Informal meetings of Panel Chairs to discuss common issues.
3. Articles in local newspapers
4. Heritage Toronto and Ontario Heritage Connections web sites
5. North York Modernist Architecture Event

Panel members were encouraged to consider other ways to promote the work of the Panel.

**2009-1-11 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2009

**2009-1-12 Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.