

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 3

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Mary Ann Cross, Edith Geduld (Treasurer), Geoff Kettel (Chair), Linda Gargaro, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Ruth Kingma, Councillor Howard Moscoe, Wilf Neidhardt, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mark Duffield, Karl Frank, Councillor John Parker

2009-3-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the proposed agenda be adopted. Carried.

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

2009-3-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 2, February 26, 2009)

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by S. Pitt that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held February 26, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2009-3-3 Business Arising

2009-2-3 Shops at Don Mills – Time Capsule

E. Geduld indicated that she followed up with Cadillac Fairview and noted that the item will come back to the Panel again.

2009-2-4 Heritage Preservation Staff at Panel Meetings

G. Kettel reported that he spoke to Mary MacDonald, Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, who indicated that it would not be possible for staff to attend meetings of the Panel on a regular basis. She noted that staff could occasionally attend meetings to deal with specific items, but only with sufficient notice.

It was moved by Councillor Moscoe and seconded by W. Neidhart that the Panel request that a Heritage Preservation Services staff member be assigned to the North York Community Preservation Panel; that that person be present at all meetings of the Panel;

and that the Chair write to the Chief Planner and Executive Director City Planning Division to advance this request. Carried.

2009-2-15.1 Gerald Gladstone Sculptures

E. Geduld reported that she will contact the Manager at Yorkdale Mall and will meet with him and will report back at the next meeting.

2009-3-4 Delegations and Presentations

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

2009-3-5 Site Specific Items

3.5.1 14 Blyth Hill Road, - Ward 16

A. Grenzebach reported on his discussions with K. Anderson, Heritage Preservation Services, who noted that there had been discussions with the owner some years ago regarding the possibility of designation and/or a heritage easement agreement. She offered to follow up with the owner's daughter, who seems to be concerned with the preservation of the house.

3.5.2 Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16

A. Grenzebach indicated that he is still working to coordinate the research which has already been undertaken. He hopes to complete the work in April and is also planning to bring the project to the attention of the Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association.

A recommendation regarding which properties the Panel should be focusing on for listing will be brought to the next meeting.

3.5.3 5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23

E. Geduld, as a representative of the NYCPP, and M.A. Cross, as a local resident, attended a Community Consultation (Planning Application) meeting on March 5, 2009. E. Geduld noted that the representative from the Gibson House/Historic Zion Schoolhouse Museum Management Board expressed concern with regard to Gibson House Museum during and following the planned construction period, especially with regard to bus access and fence protection. M.A. Cross added that the developer's spokesperson said that it is their intention to retain the last apple tree from David Gibson's original orchard. M.A. Cross raised a concern regarding the public art commemorating David Gibson and the Gibson family farm, asking that it be saved, and that the brick piers and gateway be moved and re-installed to form part of a vista towards Gibson House from Park Home Avenue

Councillor Moscoe recommended that if the Panel has specific concerns regarding the views of the Gibson House Museum, and the public art, and how they will be affected by the proposed development, they should be submitted in writing to the Planning Department, with copies to Councillor Fillion and the developer, to ensure that these concerns

are on the record. E. Geduld indicated that she will review previous motions made by the Panel with regard to this issue.

3.5.4 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) - Ward 23

E. Geduld reported that Mary MacDonald of Heritage Preservation Services has advised that the report on the historical significance of the building (as requested by Councillor Moscoe in September 2008) will be provided in April.

3.5.5 49 Bogert Avenue (Lansing United Church) – Ward 23

As previously reported, Heritage Preservation Services will not be bringing this property forward for inclusion on the Inventory. Heritage Preservation Services' representative met with Urban Planning to discuss incorporation of the tower into the alterations. E. Geduld will follow up with the urban planner and report back to the Panel.

3.5.6 3950 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche Residence and Zoroastrian Temple) – Ward 24

E. Geduld and G. Kettel attended a meeting with Sherry Pederson, Heritage Preservation Services, Paul Byrne & Kelly Jones, Planning on March 17, 2009 to discuss the proposed alterations or potential demolition of the building. Immediately following, they met with Zoroastrian Society of Ontario's representatives: Tony Evangelista, Planning Consultant and David Oleson, Architect, as well as Michael McLelland and Phillip Evans of ERA Architects.

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by M.A. Cross that the Panel recommend the designation under the Ontario Heritage Act of as much of the building as possible, specifically the south and east facades and the library/prayer room. Carried.

3.5.7 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops on Don Mills) – Ward 25

The final designs for the three plaques were circulated for the information of the Panel. The plaques will be unveiled at the opening on April 22, 2009. Although details are currently in the planning stages, it was recommended that a representative of the Panel speak at the event and that the Panel's flyers be made available.

3.5.8 1325, 1351 and 1356 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Apartments) – Ward 26

The Chair reported that the developer has filed an appeal of the City's decision to turn down the demolition application to the Court of Appeal for Ontario. The second OMB Pre-Hearing conference will be held on April 3, 2009. The OMB hearing itself is scheduled to begin on August 23, 2009.

3.5.9 60 Rowena Drive (formerly 5 Avonwick Gate, Senator Frank O'Connor House, Garage and Outbuilding) - Ward 34

E. Geduld reported that the Toronto District Catholic School Board has submitted a demolition permit application. She noted that the by-law to designate the building was passed by City Council in February 2009.

The Chair will follow-up with Heritage Preservation Services staff regarding the status of the demolition permit application and report back at the next meeting.

2009-3-6 City-Wide Items

3.6.1 Street Naming

The Chair reported that he had received an e-mail from Desmond Christopher of Survey and Mapping Services requesting that the Panels expedite their comments when asked for assistance regarding street naming.

The Panel agreed to continue the current process (as set up by E. Geduld) for submission of recommendations.

2009-3-7 Panel Initiatives

3.7.1 *Building Storeys* exhibit Follow-up

E. Geduld and G. Kettel indicated that they have both followed up in an attempt to gain additional exposure for the exhibit, but that the final decision will be up to the artists who own the photographs.

3.7.2 North York Modernist Event

G. Kettel, W. Neidhardt and E. Geduld will meet in early April to begin planning for the event, which will be held next fall.

2009-3-8 Administrative Items

3.8.1 Panel Financial Report

Parking	\$10.00
CHO Workshop	\$60.00
Supplies	\$82.45
THA	\$30.00
Minutes	\$157.00

Total: \$339.45

It was moved by W. Neidhardt and seconded by S. Pitt that the Panel approve the financial report, including the renewal of the Panel's membership with the Toronto Historical Association (THA). Carried.

3.8.2 Panel Minutes Distribution

A discussion was held regarding the merits of circulating Panel minutes to local historical societies, ratepayers associations, museums and libraries and whether this provided a good mechanism to promote the Panel and its activities.

E. Geduld agreed to circulate the minutes to the North York Historical Society, the North Toronto Historical Society, the East York Historical Society and the North York Central Library. The Panel will continue to investigate ways to raise its profile.

3.8.3 Panel Meeting Dates (June onwards)

The Chair will correspond with Panel members by e-mail regarding potential meeting dates from June onwards. It was agreed that meetings will be scheduled over the summer months and held if required.

3.8.4 Correspondence

8.4.1 March 4: Letter to Robert Saunders, Chair, Toronto Preservation Board re: Election of Chair. March 4, 2009

8.4.2 March 3: City Clerk's Notice of Passing of By-law re 5 Avonwick Gate (Senator Frank O'Connor House, Garage & Outbuilding) Ward 34.

8.4.3 March 3: City Clerk's Notice of Passing of By-law re: 1325, 1351 & 1365 Bayview Avenue, (Talbot Apartments) Ward 26.

8.4.4 CHO/ACO Joint Conference
To be held May 29-31, 2009 in Peterborough. The "early bird" deadline for registration is April 15th.

8.4.5 CHO News – March issue (circulated).

2009-3-9 Committee Reports

3.9.1 Toronto Preservation Board

The next meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board will be held on March 27, 2009. The agenda is available at:
www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/pb/agendas/2009-03-27-pb22-ar.pdf

3.9.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

Minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting held March 10, 2009 were circulated to Panel members by e-mail. With regard to the item regarding heritage resources at the University of Toronto, the Panel recommended that York University (including Glendon Campus) also be considered.

3.9.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

S. Pitt provided an update on the project to inventory all of the bridges on the Humber River watershed. He noted that the data which is being collected will be used to produce an on-line map of heritage bridges,

which the committee hopes to have completed by September 2009. He will keep the Panel informed of the progress of the project.

2009-3-10 Other Business

3.10.1 Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) Heritage Schools Workshop

A report on the workshop held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 was circulated to Panel Members by e-mail for their information.

2009-3-11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009.

2009-3-12 Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by S. Pitt that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.