

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 4

Date of Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Karl Frank, Edith Geduld, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Geoff Kettel (Chair), Wilf Neidhardt, Councillor John Parker, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mary Ann Cross, Mark Duffield, Linda Gargaro, Ruth Kingma, Councillor Howard Moscoe

2009-4-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

2009-4-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 3, March 26, 2009)

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

2009-4-3 Business Arising

2.15.1 Gerald Gladstone Sculptures

E. Geduld reported that she spoke with Robert Horst (Property Manager, Retail) at Yorkdale Shopping Centre regarding the Gerald Gladstone sculpture known as "Universal Man" which is located at the mall. She noted that there is a second sculpture at Yorkdale ("The Tritons" by Graham Coughtry) which is also of interest.

The Panel expressed its support for the listing of the two works located at Yorkdale and for the creation of an inventory of public art in North York. E. Geduld will investigate the process for the designation of works of art and will report back.

It was agreed that "Public Art" would be added as a regular item on future Panel agendas.

2009-4-4 Delegations and Presentations

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

2009-4-5 Site Specific Items

4.5.1 Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16

Based on the research materials prepared by the Panel, and in consultation with Lynda Moon, President, North Toronto Historical Society, it was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by S. Pitt that the following properties be recommended for inclusion on the Inventory of Heritage Properties:

1 St. Edmund's Drive
35 St. Edmund's Drive
24 Dinnick Crescent
40 St. Leonard's Avenue
50 Dawlish Avenue
110 Dawlish Avenue

Carried.

4.5.2 14 Blyth Hill Road - Ward 16

A. Grenzebach reported that no information has been received from Heritage Preservation Services management in response to his inquiries regarding the status of this property.

4.5.3 5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23

E. Geduld reviewed the Panel's previous involvement with this property, noting that Gibson House is already designated, and most recently monitoring the status of the heritage apple trees on the site of the North York Rose Garden.

E. Geduld will draft a letter to express the Panel's concerns regarding sightlines and access to Gibson House, after consulting with Elizabeth Nelson-Rafaelle (curator of Gibson House Museum) and Councillor John Filion.

The draft letter will be circulated to the Panel for approval prior to submission.

4.5.4 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) - Ward 23

G. Kettel noted that this item is on the agenda for the April 23rd meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board.

4.5.5 49 Bogert Avenue (Lansing United Church) – Ward 23

E. Geduld reported that she has been trying to contact the planner responsible for the file and will report back when she has received more information.

4.5.6 3950 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche Residence and Zoroastrian Temple) – Ward 24

G. Kettel reported that he has not yet received an official response regarding the Panel's resolution to designate the property, which was submitted to Heritage Preservation Services staff by e-mail.

E. Geduld reported that Heritage Preservation Services staff have confirmed that the City has received no communication from the Zoroastrian Society.

4.5.7 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills) – Ward 25

Three plaques will be unveiled on Wednesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. E. Geduld will be one of the speakers, along with Marta O'Brien (moderator, Heritage Toronto), Councillor Cliff Jenkins, and Wendy Greenwood (Cadillac Fairview).

4.5.8 1325, 1351 and 1356 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Apartments) – Ward 26

G. Kettel reported that the Court of Appeal has found in favour of the City's decision not to approve the demolition permit for the property.

The next OMB pre-hearing will be held on May 11th. The hearing itself will be held in August.

4.5.9 10 Buchan Court (formerly 1400 Sheppard Avenue East) Colonel Phillips Estate – Ward 33

The Panel will continue to follow the progress of this item.

4.5.10 60 Rowena Drive (formerly 5 Avonwick Gate, Senator Frank O'Connor House, Garage and Outbuilding) - Ward 34

G. Kettel reported that a demolition application has been submitted by the Toronto District Catholic School Board, which owns the property. It was noted that the staff recommendation is *not* to approve the demolition application.

The item is on the agenda for the April 23rd meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board.

2009-4-6 City-Wide Items

4.6.1 Review of City of Toronto Planning Division

G. Kettel reported that the City Planning Division is undertaking a program and organization review to look at the division's operation, organization and service delivery effectiveness.

As part of this review, Ipsos Reid was retained to undertake a survey of community and neighbourhood associations. Concern was expressed that Heritage Preservation Services, the Toronto Preservation Board and the Community Preservation Panels were not included as stakeholders in this survey.

E. Geduld suggested that input from the Preservation Panels may be useful due to the lack of knowledge regarding heritage issues among City Planning staff.

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the Toronto Preservation Board's members at large and the Chairs of the Community Preservation Panels be consulted with respect to the review of the City Planning Division. Carried.

G. Kettel agreed to draft a letter to the City regarding the matter.

4.6.2 Street Naming

The Panel has been approached for a recommendation regarding the naming of the southwest corner of Wilson Heights Boulevard and Sheppard Avenue West. In the interest of time, E. Geduld will forward potential names to Panel members by e-mail for approval before they are submitted.

2009-4-7 Panel Initiatives

4.7.1 *Building Storeys* Exhibit Follow-up

E. Geduld reported that Heritage Toronto is still waiting for a response from Olena Sullivan, the artists and photographers' representative, regarding the mounting of the *Building Storeys* exhibit in North York. She will continue to follow up.

4.7.2 North York Modernist Architecture Event

The Panel reviewed a draft proposal for the North York Modernist Architecture event, which was prepared by E. Geduld, G. Kettel and W. Neidhardt.

A discussion was held regarding the format and timing of the event. The event would include visual elements i.e. display or exhibit. It was agreed that a weekday evening event was preferred, consisting of a panel discussion followed by a Q and A session.

2009-4-8 Administrative Items

4.8.1 Panel Financial Report

There was no financial report.

4.8.2 Panel Meeting Dates (June onwards)

The next meeting of the Panel will be held on Monday, May 25th. Future meetings will be held on Monday, June 15th and Monday, July 20th. There will be no meeting in August.

Fall meetings were tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, Monday, October 19th and Wednesday, November 18th.

4.8.3 Correspondence

8.3.1 April 19, 2009: Letter to Mary MacDonald, Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services
Re. NYCPP Resolutions

8.3.2 April 19, 2009: Letter to Sherry Pedersen, Heritage Preservation Services
Re. NYCPP resolution concerning 3950 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche residence and Zoroastrian Temple)

8.3.3 Community Heritage Ontario

Notice re. workshop to be held April 25, 2009: "Heritage Conservation Districts and the Port Dalhousie OMB Decision".

2009-4-9 Committee Reports

4.9.1 Toronto Preservation Board

The Decision Document for the Toronto Preservation Board meeting held March 27, 2009 is available on-line at:

www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pb/decisions/2009-03-27-pb22-dd.pdf

4.9.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

There was no report.

4.9.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2009-4-10 Information Items

4.10.1 Doors Open Toronto

Doors Open Toronto will be held May 23-24, 2009.

4.10.2 Festival of Architecture and Design

The City of Toronto's Festival of Architecture and Design, which features a variety of exhibitions, films, lectures, readings and walking tours, will be held throughout the month of May.

4.10.3 Arbor Day Event

The Lawrence Park Residents' and Ratepayers' Association will hold its annual Arbor Day event on May 2, 2009 at Cheltenham Park. A. Grenzebach indicated that he will be participating.

2009-4-11 Other Business

4.11.1 Heritage Toronto Awards – Call for Nominations

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by K. Frank that the Panel nominate the Barton Avenue Stable, Superintendent's residence and laboratory and stable on the Sanofi Pasteur's Connaught Campus) in the William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship category and the North York Historical Society in the Community Heritage Award Category. Carried.

The deadline for submission is June 1, 2009.

4.11.2 Ontario Heritage Conference

The 2009 Ontario Heritage Conference, co-sponsored by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Community Heritage Ontario, will be held in Peterborough from May 29-31. The theme is "Heritage in Creative Communities".

4.11.3 Community Heritage Ontario Workshop

A CHO workshop entitled "Heritage Conservation Districts and the Port Dalhousie OMB Decision" will be held on April 25, 2009 at Fort York.

2009-4-12 Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by E. Geduld that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.