

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 5

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 25, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Mary Ann Cross, Karl Frank, Linda Gargaro, Edith Geduld, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Geoff Kettel (Chair), Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mark Duffield, Councillor John Parker, Steve Pitt

2009-5-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

2009-5-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 4, April 20, 2009)

It was moved by W. Neidhardt and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held April 20, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2005-5-3 Letter of Resignation

It was moved by W. Neidhardt and seconded by M.A. Cross that the letter of resignation from Councillor Howard Moscoe be received. Carried.

The Chair indicated that he has sent a letter of thanks to Councillor Moscoe and that he and E. Geduld would be meeting with him on June 1, 2009.

2009-5-4 Delegations and Presentations

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

2009-5-5 Site Specific Items

5.5.1 Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16

The owner of 1 St. Edmund's Drive has submitted plans for a second floor addition to the garage. This is opposed by the Lawrence Park Ratepayers' Association and, to assist the Association, A. Grenzebach has prepared notes on the historical significance of the house including the grounds and garage.

The Chair will clarify with Heritage Preservation Services' staff the format in which the research materials prepared by the Panel should be submitted.

5.5.2 14 Blyth Hill Road - Ward 16

A. Grenzebach confirmed that the property has been sold. He noted that the current owner has agreed to allow access to the house so that it can be photo documented before the sale closes.

5.5.3 5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23

E. Geduld reported that a site plan has been filed with the City and noted that Councilor Filion will be hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, May 27th in Committee Room 3 at the North York Civic Centre. E. Geduld will represent the Panel and will report back following the meeting.

5.5.4 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) - Ward 23

The Toronto Preservation Board and the North York Community Council have approved the property for inclusion on the Inventory of Heritage Properties. The item is on the agenda of the City Council meeting which will be held on May 23-25, 2009. The Chair deputed to the North York Community Council meeting on May 14 on behalf of the Panel in support of listing of the property (see attachment).

The Chair indicated that the property is being transferred to Build Toronto, the City's new economic development corporation.

5.5.5 49 Bogert Avenue (Lansing United Church) – Ward 23

Mark Chlon of the City's Planning Division has indicated that a new site plan is expected to be submitted by the end of the month. It is his understanding that the church tower feature will be protected.

5.5.6 3950 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche Residence and Zoroastrian Temple) – Ward 24

G. Kettel and E. Geduld met with Sarosh Bharucha, a member of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO), at his request, on May 6, to discuss the heritage status of the property. Sherry Pedersen of HPS had referred him to the Panel. S. Bharucha indicated that he would be calling a meeting, inviting "the ZSO community" and requested that the Panel attend to provide clarification of the heritage aspects of the building. It was his intention to also invite representatives from HPS, Planning and the local councillor.

5.5.7 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills) – Ward 25

The public opening of the *Shops at Don Mills* was held on April 22, 2009. The three heritage plaques were unveiled at that time.

M.A. Cross indicated that she will follow up to make sure that the developer has the appropriate contact information for the Cyber Arts program so that it can be included in the proposed time capsule.

5.5.8 1325, 1351 and 1356 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Apartments) – Ward 26

The Chair reported that a demolition permit for the rental component has been denied by North York Community Council. He also noted that

the third OMB pre-hearing has been held and that a decision is pending regarding the issues which will be addressed during the hearing itself.

5.5.9 85 Laird Drive – Ward 26

The Chair indicated that the property has been sold. He stated that the property is neglected and there are indications of vandalism.

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by M.A. Cross that the Chair be authorized to follow up with the City regarding the status of the property and express its concerns that the building may be in danger of demolition by neglect. Carried.

5.5.10 10 Buchan Court (formerly 1400 Sheppard Avenue East – Col. Phillips Estate) - Ward 34

E. Geduld reported that photographs of the property were taken and sent to Lindsay Reid, HPS. The house is empty and appears neglected. L. Reid has spoken with the owners, North York General Hospital, who advise that they will continue to use the building but currently have not finalized plans.

5.5.11 60 Rowena Drive (5 Avonwick Gate) – Ward 34

The Chair reported that an application to demolish the property has been rejected by the Toronto Preservation Board and North York Community Council. The Chair deputed to the North York Community Council meeting on May 14 on behalf of the Panel in support of rejecting the demolition permit application (see attachment).

5.5.12 Public Art

E. Geduld indicated that she has contacted Sandra Lougheed, Senior Project Co-ordinator, Cultural Services and is continuing to investigate the process for listing of works of art.

5.5.13 St. George’s Anglican Church

M.A. Cross reported that construction of the new church is scheduled to begin in November and that the developer has now taken possession of the Rectory. She will follow up with the developer to determine the timeline so that access can be gained to the Rectory to in order to photodocument it before demolition begins. It was recommended that Kathryn Anderson from Heritage Preservation Services be consulted for advice before the buildings are photographed.

2009-5-6 City-Wide Items

5.6.1 Review of City of Toronto Planning Division (Letter to R. Butts)

The Chair has submitted a letter to Richard Butts (Deputy City Manager) requesting that the Toronto Preservation Board and the Community Preservation Panels be invited to participate in the review of the Planning Division.

5.7.2 Community Preservation Panel Chairs’ Meeting

G. Kettel reported on the Panel Chairs’ meeting held May 13, 2009. His notes from the meeting were circulated to Panel members by e-mail.

Items of discussion included the relationship of the Panels to Heritage Preservation Services and the Toronto Preservation Board, and ways to raise profile and increase resources dedicated to heritage in the City of Toronto.

5.7.3 OPA Amendments Regarding HCD Studies

The Chair reported on an item from the Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting held on May 6, 2009 regarding recommended modifications to Official Plan Amendment No. 38, which authorized the funding of Heritage Conservation Districts as an eligible community benefit under Section 37 of the Planning Act.

Approval of these modifications would facilitate a settlement of an appeal of the OPA to the Ontario Municipal Board by the Building and Land Development Association (BILD).

5.7.4 Street Naming

E. Geduld clarified that the Panel has been asked to provide potential names for a *neighbourhood* at the southwest corner of Wilson Heights Boulevard and Sheppard Avenue West, rather than a street, as is the usual case. She will report back on the recommendations at the next meeting.

2009-5-8 Panel Initiatives

5.8.1 Building Storeys Exhibit (remounting in North York)

E. Geduld reported that a meeting is being arranged for July. Attending will be Rebecca Carson (Heritage Toronto); Olena Sullivan (Shadow Collective), Barbara Myrvold (Toronto Public Library) and representatives of the NYCPP.

5.8.2 North York Modernist Architecture Event

E. Geduld reported that she is planning to schedule a planning meeting and will report back once the date has been confirmed.

2009-5-9 Administrative Items

5.9.1 Panel Financial Report

There was no financial report.

5.9.2 Panel Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates have been confirmed:

Monday, June 15
Monday, July 20
Wednesday, September 16
Monday, October 19
Wednesday, November 18

All meetings will be held in Committee Room 5 at the North York Civic Centre.

5.9.3 Correspondence

9.3.1 Ontario Heritage Trust

The deadline for the Ontario Heritage Trust's Heritage Community Recognition Program is July 17, 2009.

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by M.A. Cross that the Panel recommend the nomination of Edith and Geoff Geduld. Carried.

2009-5-10 Committee Reports

5.10.1 Toronto Preservation Board

The Decision Document for the Toronto Preservation Board meeting held April 23, 2009 is available on-line at:

www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pb/decisions/2009-04-23-pb23-dd.htm

There were two North York items: 5151 Yonge Street (Inclusion on the Heritage Inventory) and 5 Avonwick Gate (Repeal of a Designating By-law and Demolition of Structures on a Property Designated Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act).

5.10.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

M.A. Cross reported on the Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee meeting held May 12, 2009. Minutes of the meeting were circulated to Panel members by e-mail.

It was noted that planning is underway for *Building Storeys 2010*. The theme will be industrial buildings. 85 Laird Drive was recommended for inclusion. Other suggestions should be sent to M.A. Cross.

5.10.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2009-5-11 Other Business

5.11.1 Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) Annual Conference

The CHO's Annual Conference will be held in Peterborough from May 29-31, 2009.

5.11.2 2009 Heritage Toronto Awards – Call for Nominations

E. Geduld reported that she is working on the nomination of the North York Historical Society in the Community Heritage Award category.

It was noted that the Connaught Campus buildings are not eligible in the William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship Category because they were completed more than 18 months prior to December 31, 2008 cutoff date.

5.11.3 2009 Festival of Architecture and Design

The Chair noted that there has been very little promotion of the festival.

5.11.4 Doors Open Toronto

Doors Open Toronto was held May 23-24, 2009. Approximately 175 buildings participated.

5.11.5 Toronto Historical Association

The Toronto Historical Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Tollkeeper's Cottage. The Chair will attend on behalf of the Panel.

5.11.6 Canadian Urban Institute Session on John Street Roundhouse

The Chair gave a verbal report on a session which he attended on May 15, 2009 regarding the adaptive reuse of the John Street Roundhouse.

2009-5-12 Adjournment

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