

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 6

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room #5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Mary Ann Cross, Mark Duffield, Edith Geduld, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Geoff Kettel (Chair), Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Karl Frank, Linda Gargaro, Councillor John Parker

2009-6-1 **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.

2009-6-2 **NYCPP Minutes** (Report No. 5, May 25, 2009)

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by R. Kingma that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held on May 25, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2009-6-3 **Delegations and Presentations**

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

2009-6-4 **Site Specific Items**

6.4.1 **Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16**

A. Grenzebach reported that he met with Councillor Cliff Jenkins, Scott Barrett (Heritage Preservation Services) and Jaye Robinson (Lawrence Park Ratepayers' Association) on June 15, 2009 regarding 1 St. Edmund's Drive. It appears that there will be an Ontario Municipal Board hearing with regard to the expansion of the garage on the property.

A. Grenzebach will forward the research materials for 1 St. Edmund's Drive to Heritage Preservation Services' staff to ensure that it is in the correct format before submitting materials for the remaining properties.

6.4.2 **5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23**

E. Geduld reported that she attended Councillor John Filion's Working Group meeting on May 27, 2009. The developer's Landscape Masterplan: Settlement Proposal for Menkes Gibson Park was circulated; a site plan has not yet been filed.

The landscape architect for the project was on hand to discuss future plans for the site. E. Geduld and J. Love (North York Horticultural Society) expressed concern regarding the remaining apple tree (and other trees on the site), future plantings and the lack of sunlight. E. Geduld, J. Love and E. Nelson-Raffaele (Gibson House Museum) will contact Wilhelm Morsink of the Ontario Urban Forest Council for advice and assistance.

It was confirmed that public art by artist Stephen Cruise will be preserved and reinstated.

On June 15, 2009, E. Geduld, E. Nelson-Raffaele and G. Geduld (North York Historical Society) met with Jack Radnecki (Executive Director, Ontario Urban Forest Council) as W. Morsink is away for the summer, and toured the site. J. Radnecki made a number of suggestions and recommendations, including that the remaining apple tree be stabilized as soon as possible. He also offered to meet with the landscape architect.

Another meeting of Councillor Filion's Working Group will be held on June 18, 2009. E. Geduld will attend on behalf of the Panel.

6.4.3 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) Ward 23

G. Kettel reported that the inclusion of this property on the Inventory of Heritage Properties was approved by Toronto City Council at its meeting of May 23-25, 2009.

6.4.4 3590 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche House/Zoroastrian Temple) Ward 24

G. Kettel reported that the meeting organized by S. Bharucha for members of the ZSO community was held on June 10, 2009 at the Fairview Library. Although Panel representatives did not attend the meeting, written materials regarding the Community Preservation Panel's role and the heritage designation processes in the city were provided.

6.4.5 85 Laird Drive – Ward 26

The Chair reported that he wrote to Mary MacDonald (Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services) asking that the property be investigated.

6.4.6 60 Rowena Drive (5 Avonwick Gate) Ward 34

G. Kettel reported that the application for demolition was denied at the City Council meeting held May 25-27, 2009. In addition, Council refused to repeal the bylaw designating the property.

6.4.7 York University – Ward 8

E. Geduld clarified that the Panel's interest relates to whether the University has a Heritage Resources Master Plan. M.A. Cross offered to follow up with the Planning and Renovations Department.

Heritage properties on Keele Street campus include the Abraham Hoover House (1848), the Jacob Stong House (c.1854) and Barn

(1854) and the Jacob Snider House (c. 1830, relocated). Properties on the Glendon campus include Glendon Hall Manor & Gatehouse (1923) and the Gates (1931).

2009-6-5 City-Wide Items

6.5.1 Review of City of Toronto Planning Division

The Chair reported that he has not had a response to his letter to the Deputy City Manager regarding the review of the Planning Department.

6.5.2 OPA Amendments Regarding HCD Studies

G. Kettel reported that City Council has approved the recommended modifications to Official Plan Amendment No. 38, which authorized the funding of Heritage Conservation District Studies as an eligible community benefit under Section 37 of the Planning Act.

Approval of the modifications was intended to facilitate a settlement of the appeal of the OPA to the Ontario Municipal Board by the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), eliminating the need for a full hearing on the matter.

2009-6-6 Panel Initiatives

6.6.1 North York Modernist Architecture Event

E. Geduld reported that she is working to confirm the date for an organizational committee meeting. She recommended that the Panel investigate the availability of the Council Chamber at the North York Civic Centre for the event.

6.6.2 Public Art

E. Geduld reported that she has had discussions with Scott Barrett (Heritage Preservation Services) and Sandra Lougheed (Cultural Services) and has been in contact with Nadira Pattison (Manager, Arts Services). E. Geduld will begin the process of adding works to the Inventory with "Universal Man" and "The Titans" (both at Yorkdale Mall) and Stephen Cruise's work ("one hundred links – one chain") at Gibson House Museum.

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Details regarding the Stephen Cruise work were sent by E. Nelson-Raffaele to Councillor Filion and E. Geduld.

6.6.3 Heritage Task Force Proposal

A discussion was held regarding the proposal for a Joint Task Force on Heritage Preservation in Toronto, which was circulated to Panel members by e-mail. Panel members provided suggestions for revisions to the proposal.

It was moved by W. Neidhardt and seconded by M.A Cross that the Chair proceed to submit the proposal to the Toronto Preservation Board for consideration. Carried.

2009-6-7**Administrative Items****6.7.1 Panel Financial Report**

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| Parking | \$36.00 |
| Supplies | \$24.88 |
| Meeting attendance | \$32.00 |
| Total | \$92.88 |

6.7.2 Panel Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates have been confirmed:

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.

6.7.3 Correspondence**7.3.1 City Clerk's Department, June 1, 2009**

Notice of City Council decision at its meeting of May 25-27, 2009 to refuse a demolition permit for 1325 to 1365 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Apartments).

7.3.2 City Clerk's Department, June 2, 2009

Notice of City Council's decision at its meeting of May 25-27, 2009 to include 5151 Yonge Street on the Inventory of Heritage Properties.

7.3.3 City Clerk's Department, June 10, 2009

Notice of refusal to repeal the designating bylaw for 5 Avonwick Gate (Senator Frank O'Connor House, Garage & Outbuilding) and refusal of demolition of structures on a designated heritage property; and notice to Toronto Catholic District School Board of the owner's right of appeal of refusal of the application for demolition.

2009-6-8**Committee Reports****6.8.1 Toronto Preservation Board**

The Decision Document for the Toronto Preservation Board meeting held May 21, 2009 is available on-line at:
www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pb/decisions/2009-05-21-pb24-dd.htm

6.8.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

The minutes of the Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee meeting held June 9, 2009 were circulated to Panel members by e-mail.

6.8.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2009-6-9**Other Business**

6.9.1 Heritage Plaques

At the Menkes Gibson Square Development meeting, attendee Betty Crossley raised concerns regarding the condition of the heritage plaque in the Willowdale Pioneer Cemetery.

E. Geduld noted that Heritage Toronto is responsible for maintaining pre-amalgamation City of Toronto plaques, but it is unclear who is responsible for the other plaques in the City. She will follow up to determine who is responsible and report back to the Panel. W. Neidhardt will raise the issue at the next meeting of Heritage Toronto's Plaques Committee meeting.

6.9.2 Downsview Park

E. Geduld will follow up to determine which properties at Downsview Park are being researched by Heritage Preservation Services staff.

G. Kettel will forward information regarding Downsview Park's upcoming public meeting to Panel members.

6.9.3 John Street Roundhouse

G. Kettel noted that the official opening of new Leon's store at the John Street Roundhouse will take place on Wednesday, July 8th.

6.9.4 Toronto Historical Association

E. Geduld will send congratulations on behalf of the Panel to Paul Litt, on his appointment as the new President of the Toronto Historical Association.

2009-6-10 Adjournment

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