

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 7

Date of Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2009
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: 129 Hanna Road, Toronto

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

Regrets: Mark Duffield

Absent: Councillor John Parker

2009-7-1 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.

2009-7-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 6, June 15, 2009)

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held June 15, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2009-7-3 Delegations and Presentations

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

2009-7-4 Site Specific Items

7.4.1 Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16

A. Grenzebach indicated that there has been no progress due to the strike by civic workers. He will submit materials to Heritage Preservation Services staff once the strike has concluded.

7.4.2 5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23

E. Geduld reported that she attended Councillor Filion's Working Group meeting held June 18, 2009. She noted that copies of the "Landscape Masterplan – SPA Submission and Settlement Proposal" were circulated, but reiterated that a site plan has not yet been submitted.

Further to E. Geduld's discussions with Councillor Filion, the Panel agreed that it would be appropriate to approach the developer with regard to the incorporation of a heritage plaque, similar to those erected at the Shops at Don Mills.

7.4.3 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) Ward 23

There was nothing new to report.

7.4.4 3590 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche House/Zoroastrian Temple) Ward 24

G. Kettel reported that he and E. Geduld have been contacted by representatives of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) to verify the accuracy of information which is being circulated throughout the community.

7.4.5 85 Laird Drive – Ward 26

The Chair reported that Mary MacDonald (Acting Manager, Heritage Preservation Services) responded to his letter, indicating that the property will be investigated.

E. Geduld noted that this is the only North York property that has been recommended for the next *Building Storeys* exhibit. She suggested that another property on Laird Drive – 211 Laird (Pease Foundry) which might also be relevant for the exhibit. G. Kettel agreed to follow up and submit this to Heritage Toronto if appropriate.

7.4.6 60 Rowena Drive (5 Avonwick Gate) Ward 34

There was nothing new to report.

7.4.7 York University – Ward 8

M.A. Cross reported that she followed up with the University regarding the existence of a Heritage Resources Master Plan. She noted that as part of the City's review of the University's secondary plan, a built heritage assessment and a cultural heritage assessment for the Keele Street Campus were undertaken. Nothing has been done, however, with regard to the Glendon Campus.

The reports are available online. M.A. Cross will forward the links to Panel members.

E. Geduld suggested that the listed buildings should be visited and current photographs taken. (Designation of these buildings would further protect them in the event of future development.) She stressed the need to communicate with the Heritage Preservation Services staff member responsible for this area before formal communication takes place to determine what is currently happening. She also suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Councillor Anthony Perruzza to discuss the Panel's concerns regarding the need for designation. M.A. Cross, S. Pitt and G. Kettel agreed to attend.

7.4.8 1185 Lawrence Avenue East (Milne House) Ward 34

M.A. Cross indicated that she has received recent photos of the building which indicate that it is not being protected. It was recommended that the photos be forwarded to Heritage Preservation Services, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department.

7.4.9 St. George's Anglican Church (Ward 23)

M.A. Cross reported that she will continue to make attempts to contact the developer with regard to photographing the interior of the Rectory.

2009-7-5 City-Wide Items

7.5.1 Review of City of Toronto Planning Division

This item was on the agenda for the June 25, 2009 meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board, which was cancelled.

2009-7-6 Panel Initiatives

7.6.1 North York Modernist Architecture Event

E. Geduld reported that an organizing meeting will be held on July 21, 2009 at the ERA offices. G. Kettel, W. Neidhardt and E. Geduld will attend on behalf of the Panel.

7.6.2 Public Art

There was nothing new to report.

7.6.3 Heritage Task Force Proposal

G. Kettel reported that he met with Peggy Mooney from Heritage Toronto and that he has been asked to attend an upcoming meeting of Heritage Toronto's Conservation Committee to discuss the proposal.

2009-7-7 Administrative Items

7.7.1 Panel Financial Report

There was no financial report.

7.7.2 Panel Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates have been confirmed:

Wednesday, September 16

Monday, October 19

Wednesday, November 18

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

7.7.3 Correspondence

7.3.1 CHO News

Copies of the recent edition of CHO News were distributed.

2009-7-8 Committee Reports

7.8.1 Toronto Preservation Board

The meeting scheduled for June 25, 2009 was cancelled due to the civic workers strike.

7.8.2 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.

M.A. Cross noted that she was unable to attend the meeting held July 14, 2009 but provided highlights from the minutes. She noted that:

- Heritage Toronto will pursue the distribution of the documentary *Toronto 175* to Toronto Public Libraries and the Toronto District School Board in order to introduce students to Toronto's history and promote the work of Heritage Toronto.
- There are currently 19 candidate industrial or commercial buildings for the next *Building Storeys* exhibit. Photography will be undertaken by the DK Photo Group and the Shadow Collective.

7.8.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2009-7-9 Other Business

7.9.1 MTO Lands – Keele and Highway 401

L. Gargaro reported that she attended a meeting regarding the new hospital planned for MTO site at Keele Street and Highway 401. She noted that there may be former MTO buildings which could be pursued for consideration as to listing in the Inventory of Heritage Properties or Modernist Architecture.

7.9.2 Building Storeys

E. Geduld reported that she and G. Kettel met with Barbara Myrvold (Service Specialist from the Toronto Public Library) and Olena Sullivan and Toni Wallachy (from the Shadow Collective) to discuss remounting the *Building Storeys* exhibit in North York. Because the exhibition space at the North York Public Library is booked until 2010, they will be looking for other spaces across the city for a partial exhibit.

7.9.3 Heritage Canada Foundation Conference

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

A discussion was held regarding the benefits of covering the cost for a Panel member to attend the conference. The Chair will circulate the conference program to Panel members, who are asked to review the itinerary and respond within two weeks.

7.9.4 MPP Community Events

E. Geduld reported that she will be attending the event sponsored by Mike Colle MPP on July 22, 2009 at the Columbus Centre. She will circulate the dates of upcoming events and urged the other Panel members to attend similar events.

7.9.5 Heritage Toronto Plaque Committee

W. Neidhardt reported that he raised the issue of maintenance for the North York Pioneer Cemetery plaque at the recent meeting of the Heritage Toronto Plaquing Committee. The following excerpt from the minutes of that meeting summarizes the discussion:

“Committee discussed Heritage Toronto’s role and responsibility in regards to replacing and maintaining plaques that were originally produced by other municipalities before amalgamation. It was agreed that Heritage Toronto is eager to play a constructive role in the maintenance of existing plaques. Staff were asked to prepare a policy regarding this issue for consideration at the committee’s next meeting.”

2009-7-10 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Carried.