

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

M I N U T E S

Report No. 8

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 5, North York Civic Centre

Present: Mark Duffield, Linda Gargaro, Edith Geduld, Geoff Kettel (Chair), Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mary Ann Cross, Karl Frank, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair)

Absent: Councillor John Parker

2009-8-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved by R. Kingma that the proposed agenda be adopted. Carried.

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

2009-8-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 7, July 20, 2009)

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by R. Kingma that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held July 20, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2009-8-3 Delegations and Presentations

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

2009-8-4 Site Specific Items

8.4.1 Lawrence Park Research Project, Ward 16

The Chair reported that A. Grenzebach had advised that he has submitted some of the Panel's research to Heritage Preservation Services staff. Staff has indicated, however, that there is a significant backlog in processing these materials.

With regard to 1 St. Edmunds Crescent, the Chair reported that A. Grenzebach had advised that City legal staff have resolved the issue with the owner, before the Ontario Municipal Board hearing. The addition of a second storey to the garage will be permitted.

8.4.2 5170 Yonge Street (Gibson House Museum and Rose Garden), Ward 23

There was nothing new to report.

8.4.3 5151 Yonge Street (North York Hydro Building) Ward 23

There was nothing new to report.

8.4.4 3590 Bayview Avenue (Mazo de la Roche House/Zoroastrian Temple) Ward 24

The Chair indicated that there has been some communication to the Panel from a member of the Zoroastrian community. The communication was forwarded to the President of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and the ZSO Building Committee.

8.4.5 85 Laird Drive – Ward 26

It was recently indicated in the press that the owners are looking to develop a neighbourhood shopping centre on the site, which would incorporate the heritage building.

The photographers are making attempts to gain access to the building to document it for the *Building Storeys* project. The property at 211 Laird has already been photographed.

8.4.6 60 Rowena Drive (5 Avonwick Gate) Ward 34

There was nothing new to report. The item will be removed from future agendas until there is a heritage issue involved.

8.4.7 York University (Keele Campus) Ward 8

E. Geduld reported that the Community Open House Meeting for the York University Secondary Plan Update, scheduled by the City of Toronto and Councillor Anthony Perruzza for June 30, 2009, was cancelled due to the strike and has not yet been rescheduled.

8.4.8 1185 Lawrence Avenue East (Milne House) Ward 34

G. Kettel reported that A. Grenzebach and he had visited the house and Alex took photographs, which they submitted to Heritage Preservation Services.

The Panel will continue to monitor the status of the property, which is vulnerable due to its isolated location.

8.4.9 5350 Yonge Street (St. George's Church and Rectory) Ward 23

M.A. Cross reported that she had spoken to the Parish Administrator, and was told that it would be possible to gain access to the Church and Rectory interiors in order to photo-document them, as well as the exteriors, prior to demolition.

2009-8-5 City-Wide Items

8.5.1 Review of City of Toronto Planning Division

G. Kettel reported that a motion was passed at the Toronto Preservation Board meeting held September 9, 2009, directing the Chair of the Board to write to the Deputy City Manager requesting heritage involvement in the review process.

8.5.2 Real Estate Strategy

G. Kettel reported that at the same meeting, a resolution was also approved requesting that the City of Toronto put a process in place to

determine the heritage/cultural value of a building before it is added to Build Toronto's surplus list.

2009-8-6 Panel Initiatives

8.6.1 North York Modernist Architecture Event

October 27, 2009 has been confirmed as the date for the event, which will be held at the North York Civic Centre. Matthew Blackett (Publisher of *Spacing* Magazine) will moderate. Panelists will include: Dave LeBlanc (Globe and Mail); Leo DeSorcy (City of Toronto Planning Division); Kim Storey (Brown + Storey Architects); and Lloyd Alter (Architectural Conservancy of Ontario). Moiz Behar, former Director of Urban Design, City of North York, and the person responsible for the 1997 North York Modernist Architecture report, will also be approached to participate.

A discussion was held regarding roles and responsibilities for the event. M. Duffield offered to design the promotional materials. G. Kettel stressed the need for all Panel members to participate.

8.6.2 Public Art

The item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

8.6.3 Heritage Task Force Proposal

G. Kettel reported that the focus of the proposal has been changed. An update of the Heritage Management Plan has been suggested in place of the task force. G. Kettel indicated that he reviewed the idea with Peggy Mooney (Executive Director, Heritage Toronto) and the Heritage Conservation Committee, who were in favour.

However, Mary Macdonald from Heritage Preservation Services suggested that focus be placed on Toronto Preservation Board input into the City's 2010 budget, in order to address the lack of resources for heritage initiatives. The item will be on the agenda for the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Toronto Preservation Board.

2009-8-7 Administrative Items

8.7.1 Panel Financial Report

There was no report.

8.7.2 Panel Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates have been confirmed:

Monday, October 19, 2009
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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

8.7.3 Correspondence

There was no correspondence

2009-8-8 Committee Reports

8.8.1 Toronto Preservation Board

There were no North York items on the agenda for the September 9, 2009 meeting of the Preservation Board.

8.8.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

Minutes of the July and September meetings have been circulated to Panel members.

8.8.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2009-8-9 Other Business

8.9.1 Peggy Kurtin

Panel members paid tribute to Peggy Kurtin, who passed away on July 13, 2009. Peggy was a co-founder of Cabbagetown Preservation Association and was involved with a variety of projects and organizations, including the York Pioneer and Historical Society and the Toronto Historical Association.

E. Geduld indicated that she has written a tribute to Peggy, which will be featured in the upcoming issue of *CHO News*.

It was moved by E. Geduld and seconded by W. Neidhardt that the Panel recognize Peggy Kurtin's contribution to the heritage community and that letters be sent from the Panel to Peggy's family and to the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. Carried.

8.9.2 Heritage Toronto Awards

The Heritage Toronto Awards will be held at The Carlu on October 13, 2009. Panel members are asked to confirm whether they wish to attend.

8.9.3 MPP Community Events

E. Geduld indicated that she attended the September 13, 2009 event held by Monty Kwinter MPP and Ken Dryden MP (York Centre). The Panel's maps were on display and flyers were distributed.

David Zimmer MPP (Willowdale) will be holding a Harvest Festival Community BBQ at Mitchell Field Park on October 18th. Panel members are asked to let E. Geduld know if they would like to attend.

8.9.4 Heritage Canada Foundation Conference

Based on the feedback received from Panel members following the discussion at the last meeting, it was decided that the Panel would cover the cost of one registration. G. Kettel will attend.

2009-8-10 Adjournment

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