

MINUTES OF MEETING

Scarborough Community Heritage Preservation Panel (Municipal Heritage Committee)

held at the Scarborough Archives
Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SECRETARIAT SECTION

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Present:	<i>Rick Schofield,</i>	<i>Jeremy Hopkin,</i>	<i>Bob Saunders ,</i>
	<i>Joan Dolson,</i>	<i>Sandy Grigg,</i>	
Regrets:	<i>Don Allen,</i>	<i>Scott Woodland</i>	
	<i>Councillor Chin Lee</i>	<i>Councillor Paul Ainslie</i>	

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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S-091101

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

"Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held September 8th be approved as circulated."

(*Sandy Grigg Bob Saunders*)

Carried

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S-091102

Chairman's report on Pending items:

"The Chairman reviewed the pending items on the agenda:

- (a) Proposed future listings
 - Bob reported that the sub-committee has not yet completed research on the Agincourt sites nor decided which ones to recommend for possible listing.
Work on this project will continue over the winter.
 - the committee reviewed the Parkcrest and Annis Drive sites currently under review
 - preliminary research was conducted by the Chair to assist with identification
 - it was agreed to work on description for # 4, # 6, # 18 and # 19 Parkcrest and # 22 Annis Drive
 - Jeremy suggested 157 Midland Avenue be given consideration
- (b) Clark-Reesor House agreement pending
 - Hydro One looking at ongoing University scholarship et al
 - awaiting request for demolition permit from Hydro One
 - Sandy reported that Hydro One is not moving quickly on this issue and the deserted site is a liability concern...he will continue pursuing the issue
- (c) Outstanding recommendations for possible future listings
 - several proposed listings have been submitted to preservation staff
 - no report back as to their receipt or possible future actions necessary
 - Bob agreed to ask staff about these proposed listings and report back to the committee early in the new year

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S-091103

Chairman's report on Pending items (cont.):

- (d) Proposed Future Listings -- several sites on hold awaiting descriptions
 - Bob Saunders working on Scarborough Animal Shelter building
 - Bob Saunders and Chairman working on Homeside apartments
 - Leacock Complex to be written up and TDSB to be consulted
 - Highland Creek Lawn Bowling building to be written up (City owned)
- (e) Scarborough Historic Site markers
 - St. Augustine's marker to be mounted when owner available
- (f) Stinson's Store , Stop 17 (Kingston Road @ Midland)
 - some restoration work began late in the Fall of 2008, little activity since
 - committee members to monitor site and report any new activity this winter
- (g) Guild (Inn) property redevelopment
 - plans underway by Centennial College to restore and use Bickford house
 - proposed Heritage Landscape Designation on hold (City Policy required)
 - D.B.Smith article in Bluffs Monitor reviewed and received for information

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman's report be received."

(Bob Saunders Sandy Grigg)

Carried

ACTION:

Bob Saunders & Scott Woodland	-- Agincourt site
Chairman and Don Allen	-- Highland Creek Lawn Bowling
Jeremy Hopkin	--# 18 and # 19 Parkcrest + 157 Midland
Bob Saunders	--# 6 Parkcrest, # 22 Annis Dr., Homeside Apts, submitted items
Rick Schofield	--# 4 Parkcrest
Scott Woodland	-- proposed future markers
Sandy Grigg	-- Clark-Reesor issues
committee members	-- future listings and markers

3.

Communications

S-091105

- (i) **Historic Oakridge School datestone**
-- Chairman submitted report for Preservation staff & their response
- (ii) **Designation of 171 Midland Avenue** -- description submitted for sampling
- (iii) **R.C. Harris Plant Heritage Inventory update** -- excellent report received for information
- (iv) **Al Wakeley House, 4115 Sheppard Avenue, c1907**
--committee examined the EA draft report prepared by URS
--committee agreed that the historic building has seen better days and would not survive closer review, with the Sheppard Avenue underpass and railway diversion currently threatening the site

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the above correspondence be received and that the Chairman advise the Preservation Board and staff that the committee will not be recommending the listing or preservation of the Wakeley House at 4115 Sheppard Avenue East.

(Jeremy Hopkin, Sandy Grigg)

Carried

ACTION: Chairman

4.1

New Business: Highway 2A - unnamed bypass

S-091106

The Chairman submitted a detailed report on the subject of the Highland Creek bypass, later known as part of Highway 2A to City staff which deal with street naming. Staff have indicated they will review the recommendation and report back.

4.2

New Business: 1 St. Andrew's Road - Wm. Thomson House

S-091107

The Chairman reported that he had examined the new windows at the site and discussed work with the owner. It appears that the energy efficient windows ordered from the window supplier were not the energy efficient windows specified and that, in fact, they were not much better than the original 19th century windows they replaced. In addition, the owner, who had indicated to Preservation staff that the original 1848 windows were badly rotted, has advertised them for sale and indicated they were "in excellent condition."

Currently, workers are making repairs to the building's original slate roof which the committee believes the owner received a grant from the City. (neither the grant application nor any approval was forwarded to the SCPP for comment).

Members of the committee expressed concern that there was no communications from staff on these matter despite the many contacts by SCPP members along with research and discussions which took place over the past two years.

4.3

S-091108

New Business: Springfield House, St. Andrew's Road

Although there was no communications from staff, the committee learned that the heritage designated property has been sold and the new owner has presented a proposal to sever the large lot with the idea of building one or more modern dwellings on the severed lots, in front of the designation structure, thereby reducing the site's public visibility.

Although the proposed severance drawings have not been provided to the committee, a close examination of the site by committee members suggests any severance proposal would be unacceptable.

BE IT RESOLVED "That the SCPP advise Heritage Preservation Board and the staff that the Scarborough committee would be opposed to any severance of the Springfield property and further that staff provide to the SCPP, for review, any details on any proposed development of this property."

(Bob Saunders, Jeremy Hopkin)

Carried

ACTION: Chairman and Preservation staff

4.4

S-091109

New Business: S.S. # 7, Highland Creek Public School

Acting on two separate reports from concerned citizens that renovations to the historically designated school were taking place, the Chairman visited the site and observed that all the brick above the basement windows had been removed and replaced with 2x4 wood braces. Inquiries at the school indicated that the basement window replacement was approved by Preservation staff and that the bricks were stored in the school's basement pending continuation of the window work at some future date.

Preservation staff were contacted and confirmed approval had been given and agreed to forward photocopies of the proposed renovations. These arrived but were not readable.

Further discussions with school staff indicated that the contractors had provided samples of modern brick to be used to replace those bricks damaged when they were removed. The Chairman contacted the contractors to indicate that the Scarborough Historical Society had a supply of historic bricks of the same vintage which could be used instead of the modern bricks. The contractor seemed pleased with this option and would contact the Society when the bricks would be needed.

Again, committee members expressed concern that nothing had been provided to the SCPP for comment prior to approval of this project.

4.5

S-091110

New Business: Improving Communications

Based on several recent events in which there was little or no communications between Preservation staff and the local committee, it was suggested that the Chairman and Bob Saunders meet with Barbara Leonhardt, Director of Policy Development, Planning Department to discuss the issues and look for ways to improve communications.

BE IT RESOLVED "That the Chairman contact Barbara Leonhardt and request a meeting to discuss improving communications between Preservation staff and the local community panel(s) so that the panels are more aware of the work being undertaken or approved for heritage properties in their area."

(Bob Saunders, Joan Dolson)

Carried

ACTION: Chairman

4.6

S-091111

New Business: Guild Inn site - Heritage Landscape issues

The committee discussed in detail, a recent letter (sent to all Toronto councillors) and a newspaper clipping from D.B. Smith regarding proposed Cultural Heritage Landscape designation of the Guild property to protect more than just the buildings and architectural fragments which are already protected by the Heritage Act. The SCPP has made several inquiries in the past in a effort to move forward with this proposal and it appears that the City has yet to develop a policy on heritage landscape designation. Linking heritage attributes to the site character seems to be the missing link in developing a policy and until a policy is in place, landscape designation seems not to be a priority at this time.

Bob agreed to look further into this issue, consult with Preservation staff, and report back to the committee early in the new year.

ACTION: Bob Saunders

Future Meetings of the Scarborough Committee (2010)

S-091112

The committee reviewed the current policy of meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, as required, and agreed to keep the same day/time schedule with specific dates to be confirmed as soon as the Preservation Board schedule is provided.

5.

S-091113

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee
"Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned".
Next regularly scheduled meeting:

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

to draft our annual report and finalize plans for the upcoming year.

(Bob Saunders Sandy Grigg)

Carried