

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

Report No. 1

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 5, North York Civic Centre
Present: Mary Ann Cross, Karl Frank, Linda Gargaro, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Geoff Kettel (Chair), Ruth Kingma, Wilf Neidhardt, Steve Pitt, Kevin Harper (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Mark Duffield, Edith Geduld, Councillor John Parker

2010-1-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved by M.A. Cross that the proposed agenda be adopted, as amended. Carried.

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

2010-1-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 10, December 14, 2009)

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by K. Frank that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held December 14, 2009 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2010-1-3 Delegations and Presentations

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

2010-1-4 Site Specific Items

1.4.1 Asbury & West United Church, 3180 Bathurst Street (Ward 15)

G. Kettel reported that he followed up with the congregant who first brought the issue to David Zimmer's attention. He noted that the original 1851 church has been incorporated into the existing building (which dates to the late 1950s) and that the current plan for remodeling will result in the demolition of part of the original structure. The issue will come to the Toronto Preservation Board later this year.

A discussion was held regarding the Panel's role in this issue. S. Pitt offered to contact Heritage Preservation Services staff for further information prior to determining whether there is merit in pursuing the matter. A decision will be made at a future Panel meeting.

G. Kettel will circulate ERA Architects' report to Panel members by e-mail.

1.4.2 Lawrence Park Research Project (Ward 16)

A. Grenzebach reported that he spoke to Kathryn Anderson at Heritage Preservation Services to determine the status of the research that was submitted for the Lawrence Park properties. He was told that

given the backlog of current research projects and the lack of staff resources, it is unrealistic that HPS will be able to deal with this issue before 2011.

1.4.3 172 Finch Avenue West (Arthur Waine House) Ward 23

There was nothing new to report.

1.4.4 85 Laird Drive (Ward 26)

G. Kettel reported that a public meeting was held at which concerns were expressed by local residents with respect to increased traffic and the impact that the development will have on businesses on Bayview Avenue. He indicated that the City has agreed to undertake a peer review of the consultants' studies, and that the project will be on the agenda of the Design Review Panel on February 17.

1.4.5 211 Laird Drive (Pease Foundry) Ward 26

G. Kettel reported that the listing of the property has been approved by the North York Community Council. Geoff's letter to NYCP in support of listing and designation was circulated to the Panel by e-mail.

The Panel will continue to monitor the issue in order to ensure that Heritage Preservation Services moves forward with the designation of the property.

1.4.6 2 Donegall Drive (Agnes Macphail Residence) Ward 26

G. Kettel reported that he sits on the Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee and that committee members have been asking when her residence will be designated. (The item had been an item on the Preservation Board's agenda approximately 10 years ago). There is no current threat to the building.

NOTE: Subsequently the Chair learned that the East York Foundation (EYF) had submitted a request to HPS for designation of the property. As a result of a poll of members (via email) it was agreed that the Panel would write in support of the EYF's request for designation of 2 Donegall Drive.

1.4.7 1185 Lawrence Avenue East (Milne House) Ward 34

M.A. Cross reported that she spoke to Peggy Mooney and Gary Miedema from Heritage Toronto regarding the future of the Milne House. They noted that meetings have been held with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department, and that they are still looking for an appropriate adaptive reuse for the property. Recent examination has indicated that there are still items of significance that make the property worthy of preservation.

2010-1-5 City-Wide Items

1.5.1 LRT Routes and Heritage

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, it has been determined that Transit City has taken heritage issues into account as part of the planning process for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and other projects. The Chair's proposed letter to the TTC/Transit City will be revised

accordingly, noting the Panel's support for the Transit City intentions. Also Ruth Kingma volunteered to investigate the heritage impact of the other proposed LRT routes.

1.5.2 Ontario Heritage Tree Program

G. Kettel circulated a letter from Trees Ontario regarding the Ontario Heritage Tree Program. It was noted that the Gibson House apple tree has already been discussed by the Panel. Further information regarding the program is available online at www.heritagetrees.on.ca.

2010-1-6 Panel Initiatives

1.6.1 North York Modernist Architecture Forum

G. Kettel reported that he spoke to Sandeep Agrawal from Ryerson University regarding two potential projects that students might become involved with. Professor Agrawal expressed interest; Geoff will follow up with him.

A discussion was held regarding the value of using students to undertake research projects on behalf of the Panel. It was felt it would be more appropriate to use students to undertake work on the modernist architecture project, which would involve research to move the properties on the modernist inventory forward for listing. G. Kettel will contact ERA Architects to see if they would also be interested partnering on the project.

1.6.2 Public Art

There was no report.

1.6.3 Input into 2010 Budget Process

G. Kettel reported that there has been no response to the letter from the Toronto Preservation Board to the Chief Planner regarding input into the 2010 budget process. He noted that the Panel Chairs will need to be prepared in the event that they are called upon for their input.

G. Kettel will also inquire about the Panel's budget for 2010 and whether funds will be available for another special event.

2010-1-7 Administrative Items

1.7.1 Panel Financial Report

There was no report.

1.7.2 Panel Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for 2010 have been confirmed as follows:

Monday, February 22, 2010
Monday, March 22, 2010
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Monday, May 17, 2010
Monday, June 14, 2010
Monday, July 19, 2010

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

NOTE: the February 22 meeting was subsequently cancelled due to likelihood of failure to meet the required quorum.

2010-1-8 Committee Reports

**1.8.1 Toronto Preservation Board
November 26, 2009 Decisions**

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pb/decisions/2009-11-26-pb29-dd.htm>

There were no North York items on this agenda.

1.8.2 Heritage Toronto Conservation Committee

Minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were circulated to Panel members by e-mail.

1.8.3 Humber River Bridge Inventory

There was no report.

2010-1-9 Other Business

1.9.1 Community Preservation Panel Chairs Meeting

G. Kettel reported on the meeting of the Community Preservation Panel Chairs, which was held on January 14, 2010.

Of particular note was the discussion regarding the process that the Panels should follow when submitting recommendations for listing or designation to the Toronto Preservation Board. It was agreed that the Panels would write to TPB Chair asking that the resolution be placed on the agenda under "Other Business". In addition, a nomination form should be submitted to Heritage Preservation Services.

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by W. Neidhardt that the following properties be added to the City of Toronto's Inventory of Heritage Properties:

1 St. Edmund's Drive
35 St. Edmund's Drive
24 Dinnick Crescent
40 St. Leonard's Avenue
50 Dawlish Avenue
110 Dawlish Avenue

Carried.

In accordance with the process above, G. Kettel will write to the Chair of the Preservation Board, requesting that the item be added to the agenda for a future TPB meeting.

2010-1-10 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.