Date of Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 2, North York Civic Centre
Present: Mary Ann Cross, Sam Ghose, Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Geoff Kettel (Chair)
Guests: Leanne Butters, Karl Frank, Rosanna Iaboni, Daniel Rende, Connor Turnbull
Regrets: Councillor James Pasternak, Councillor John Parker
Absent: Morteza Samareh Golestani, Louis Henry

2015-1-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
It was moved by M. A. Cross and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the proposed agenda be adopted, as amended. Carried.

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

It was moved by S. Ghose and seconded by M. A. Cross that the minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel meeting held November 17, 2014 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2015-1-3 Delegations and Presentations
There were no delegations or presentations.

2015-1-4 Panel Initiatives
1.4.1 Downview (Wards 8,9)
1.4.1.1 Canadian Air & Space Museum Collection
It was reported that the Greater Toronto Airport Authority has agree to store the collection for now. Negotiations are underway with Centennial College regarding a proposed aerospace campus on the Downsview Park site.

1.4.2 Leaside (Ward 26)
1.4.2.1 Leaside HCD Nomination
The consultant’s report has been submitted to Heritage Preservation Services. The three HCD nominations which will proceed to the study phase in 2015 are yet to be announced.
2015-1-5 Site Specific Items

1.5.1 Ward 16
1.5.1.1 Eglinton Park
G. Kettel has written a letter in support of the Toronto Green Community’s proposed commemoration of First Nations presence in the Eglinton Park area.

1.5.2 Ward 23
1.5.2.1 172 Finch Ave. West (Waine House)
M. A. Cross will contact the City-appointed lawyer and planner regarding the Panel’s participation in discussions and at the upcoming OMB hearing. It was suggested that a representative of the Panel should meet with Heritage Preservation Services and the lawyer to discuss strategy.

1.5.3 Ward 24
1.5.3.1 9 Barberry Place (Thomas Clark House) and 591-593 Sheppard Ave. East
It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by M. A. Cross that G. Kettel send a letter to Heritage Preservation Services requesting that an updated heritage impact assessment be undertaken in order to identify and incorporate the views south from Sheppard Ave. to the Thomas Clark House as an important heritage element. Carried.

1.5.4 Ward 26
1.5.4.1 262 Bessborough Drive (Thomas G. Elgie Farmhouse)
G. Kettel reported that the Toronto Preservation Board and Council have approved the alterations specified in the conservation development plan.

1.5.4.2 42-46 Overlea Boulevard – Coca-Cola Canada HQ
G. Kettel reported that Costco, in its third submission, shows retention of the facade (only) of the existing building.

1.5.4.3 660 Eglinton Ave. East (Sunnybrook Plaza)
G. Kettel reported on plans to redevelop this plaza, one of the earliest shopping plazas in Canada. It was moved by S. Ghose and seconded by A. Grenzebach that Heritage Preservation Services be requested to conduct a heritage impact study of this site. Carried.

1.5.5 Ward 34
1.5.5.1 1299 Don Mills Road (George Gray House)
G. Kettel reported that it was rumoured that this listed building was to be demolished, but that Heritage Preservation Services had advised him that no demolition permit had been issued. S. Ghose volunteered to follow up with the local councillor.
1.5.6 Lane/Street Naming

1.5.6.1 Proposed public street and public lane at 238 - 258 Finch Avenue East, just east of Maxome Avenue (Ward 24)

With the support of the North York Historical Society (NYHS), the Panel recommended the names:

- Munshaw, an early settler family who owned land near the development site
- Pahtahsiga (Ojibwe name meaning "One Who Makes the World Brighter" or "He Who Comes Shining") or Peter Jacobs (his English name), a Methodist Ojibwe worker who translated Methodist missionary William Case's words into Ojibwe at a marathon revival meeting held at Cummer's Mills, not far from the development site
- George Elliot*, an early landowner on the site, the Deputy Reeve of North York from 1929-1930, and Reeve from 1931-1933.

* Note: George Elliot’s name would have been submitted prior to that of the Munshaw family since his land was on the site of the development, but it was more difficult and took much longer to find descendants of the Elliot family to meet the Honourific and Street Naming Policy

Although the Panel and the NYHS continued to recommend the heritage names, the developer submitted the name of "Kenneth Wood", former local resident, which was supported by Councillor David Shiner. Engineering Services authorized "Kenneth Wood Crescent" and "Munshaw Lane" for use on the draft Plan of Subdivision.

1.5.6.2 Unassumed street between Rean Drive and Barberry Place just south of Sheppard Avenue East (Ward 24)

With the support of the NYHS, the Panel recommended that the street be named to commemorate Thomas Clark. M.A. Cross was able to find six descendants of Thomas Clark who were pleased to grant consent for the street to be named to commemorate their ancestor, thus meeting the consent requirements of the Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

Thomas Clark was an early settler on the site who in 1855 built the only surviving pioneer building in the area – the home at 9 Barberry Place, just north of the unassumed street. He was also one of the founding members of Clark’s Congregation, from which developed the Oriole York-Mills United Church, now the Bayview United Church. The former Oriole Methodist Church, and the 1848 brick
schoolhouse, both now demolished, were on his former land holdings.

1.5.6.4 Proposed Street Names for Development at 1201 Wilson Avenue (Ward 9)

Infrastructure Ontario requested that one of the streets at 1201 Wilson Avenue be named "William Hearst Avenue", after the Ontario Premier from 1914 to 1919, whose government established the Department of Public Highways, now known as the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The MTO HQ was located on the site until the redevelopment.

The Panel recognized the reasons for commemorating William Hearst in this development, but with the support of the NYHS, continued to recommend names associated with the early settlers of the area:

1. Robert Carruthers, the son of James Carruthers* who emigrated from England with his family and purchased the land on the development site in 1822
2. Alexander Wardlaw, son of Peter Wardlaw, who owned the east half of the lot across the street from the development in 1860, and donated half an acre on the northeast side of his farm as the site for York Church (Wesleyan Methodist), eventually renamed Downsview United Church, which had the cornerstone laid on June 28, 1870.
3. Peter Wardlaw, the early settler who emigrated with his family from Glasgow, Scotland, and bought land across the street from the development site in 1844
4. Petherhill Farm (the home built by early settler James Carruthers, named after the family home in England, and lived in by five generations of Carruthers)

* Note: "James Carruthers" was not acceptable to first responders since James Findlay Lane is nearby.

Engineering Services authorized the following names for use on the draft Plan of Subdivision: "William Hearst Avenue" (for the east-west street) and "Petherhill Avenue" (for the north-south street).

2015-1-6 City-Wide Items
1.6.1 State of Heritage Report (Heritage Toronto)
The report (which included NYCPPP input) will be released to the media and public on February 24, 2015.

1.6.2 2015 Budget Committee
G. Kettel has suggested to the other Panel Chairs that they coordinate the submission of a report with recommendations to the Budget Committee.

1.6.3 North York Planning and Development
G. Kettel reported that he requested that Councillor Josh Colle’s request to the Chief Planner for a report to North York Community Council on planning and development in North York include “heritage” as this is part of the Chief Planner’s planning responsibilities.

2015-1-7 Administrative Items
1.7.1 Panel Financial Report
The Panel is awaiting confirmation of its 2015 Budget. G. Kettel urged Panel members to think about possible expenditures/projects for 2015. The position of Treasurer remains unfilled.

1.7.2 Future Panel Meeting Dates
Feb. 23
Apr. 20 (to be rescheduled)
May 20 (to be re-scheduled)
June 15
July 20

2015-1-8 Committee Reports
1.8.1 Lawrence Park Heritage Committee
A. Grenzebach reported that Councillor Jaye Robinson had advised the Committee that she could not introduce the HCD study request to Council because of conflict of interest legislation (she lives in Lawrence Park). She will ask another Councillor to act in her place. The Committee is in the final stages of preparing its submission requesting a HCD study of the western part of Lawrence Park.

A. Grenzebach announced that he will be giving a talk on Lawrence Park to the North Toronto Historical Society on March 25, 2015 – “Lawrence Park: The Garden Suburb – Past, Present and Future”.

2015-1-9 Other Business
1.9.1 Appointment of Councillors to the NYCPP
G. Kettel reported that North York Community Council recommended two Councillors (Councillors Augimeri and Carmichael-Greb) to City Council.

1.9.2 Recruitment for the North York Community Preservation Panel
G. Kettel indicated that the new appointments would be made public by the time of the next Panel meeting.

1.9.3 Ontario Volunteer Awards
No Panel members are eligible this year.

2015-1-10 Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.