

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES

2016 Report No. 3

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 1
Present: Geoff Kettel (Chair), Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Mary Ann Cross, Daniel Rende, Sam Ghose, Karl Frank, Rosanna Iaboni.
Regrets: Councillor Augimeri, Leanna Butters, Jamie Cameron.
Connor Turnbull, Pat Main.

2016-3-1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

2016-3-2 NYCPP Minutes (Report No. 2, February 22, 2016)

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by D. Rende that the Minutes of the North York Community Preservation Panel Meeting held on February 22, 2016 be approved, as amended. Carried.

2016-3-3 Delegations and Presentations

None.

2016-3-4 Panel Initiatives

3.4.1 Cultural Heritage Landscapes

G. Kettel has proposed (through the Panel Chairs group) that the Panels collaborate to organize a forum on Cultural Heritage Landscape policies in the fall.

3.4.2 Mid-Town Planning Group

The Mid-Town Planning group will be holding a public open house on April 2, 2016 to get public feedback on draft built form principles and future character areas and priorities for community services and facilities. All study related materials are at www.toronto.ca/planning/yongeeglinton/

2016-3-5 Site Specific Items

3.5.1 Ward 16

3.5.1.1

Gates on Yonge Street at Alexandra Boulevard

A. Grenzebach reported that the Gates were in poor condition and in need of physical conservation. They were constructed in about 1920 to mark the entrance to the Alexandra Park subdivision and are not currently heritage protected. There is interest in submitting a heritage nomination.

3.5.2 Ward 23

3.5.2.1 172 Finch Avenue West (Arthur Waine House)

The alteration (involving movement of the house) is on the Toronto Preservation Board agenda for March 24, 2016.

3.5. 2.2 90 Burndale Ave (Joseph Shepard House)

M.A. Cross prepared a report which was sent to Heritage Preservation Services (HPS), with information and photos regarding the extensive renovations of this designated house that have taken place in the past year, as well as historical photos, drawings and related reports. It expressed the Panel's concern, inappropriate renovations, and the question was raised as to whether the renovations were submitted to and/or carried out in consultation with HPS. L. Loney, HPS, responded that the alterations to this heritage property were done without the necessary approvals from City staff and that HPS has been working with Toronto Buildings, North District to notify the property owners of the requirements to obtain both a building permit and heritage permit for the work. The need for more effective enforcement of the Ontario Heritage Act, with respect to heritage permits was discussed.

3.5.4 Ward 26

3.5.3.1 146–150 Laird Drive

G. Kettel reported on the OMB hearing, which took place from February 29 to April 2, 2016.

3.5.3.2 Sign variance application at Eglinton Avenue and Leslie Street (CP Rail Overpass)

K. Frank submitted an email on behalf of the NYCPP to the Sign Variance Committee in opposition to the proposed sign due to the creation of an un-natural distraction to users of the Eglinton Avenue Corridor. This stretch between the east-facing slope of the Don River West Branch and the west-facing slope of the Don River East Branch is the only remaining significant natural feature along the whole of Eglinton Avenue from Mount Dennis to Kennedy Road. It is being proposed as a Cultural Heritage Landscape.

3.5.4 Ward 34

3.5.4.1 150 Cassandra Boulevard and 12 Spinney Court (formerly 91 Laurentide Drive)

G. Kettel reported that he is following up with Steven Bodrug regarding 150 Cassandra Boulevard and 12 Spinney Court (formerly 91 Laurentide Drive).

3.5.5 Lane/Street Naming

3.5.5.1 New Street Naming Policy (2015)

M.A Cross reported on her investigation into why the Panel had received no requests for street naming input in the past six months. Aside from a slowdown in new

developments, she learned that City Council approved a new Street Naming Policy on July 7, 2015, (which became effective on October 1, 2015). The new policy greatly reduces the likelihood that early settlers' names will be suggested and reviewed, and that new streets or lanes will be named after early settlers or given historical names.

The policy no longer includes the Community Preservation Panels in the review and approval process. Proposed names no longer need to be circulated to the Community Preservation Panels. According to Engineering and Construction Services staff the department does refer applicants to the relevant Community Preservation Panel at the beginning of the application process, but it is up to the applicant to take advantage of those services if they choose to do so. Unless the applicant intends to honour the heritage of the area, it is not likely that the Panels will be consulted. M.A. Cross agreed to write a report outlining the Panel's concerns regarding the new Street Naming Policy. This will be circulated to the other Community Preservation Panel Chairs and the issue will be discussed by G. Kettel with the Panel Chairs group at its next meeting on April 7, 2016.

2016-3-6 Administrative Items

3.6.1 Panel Financial Report

R. Iaboni reported on the year end 2015 expenditures as follows:

Regular budget:

TTC, parking \$164.00

Ancestry.ca membership \$239.88

Supplies \$198.69

Copies \$101.22

Design and layout of booklet \$367.50

Conference Registration (Cultural Landscape Foundation) \$886.23

Total \$1,967.52

Special Heritage Community Event Grant

Printing booklet \$836.50

3.6.2 Future Panel Meeting Dates

April 18

May 16

June 20

All meetings in Committee Room 1.

3.6.3 Correspondence

None.

2016-3-7 Committee Reports

3.7.1 Lawrence Park Heritage Committee

A. Grenzebach reported on the March 10, 2016 Century Home Talk where Kathryn Anderson, HPS, spoke on "Researching your Home" – "Heritage Property Research: Tips and Techniques".

2016-3-8 Other Business

3.8.1 Community Heritage Ontario 2016 membership

Motion to pay the CHO 2016 membership dues.

Moved A.Grenzebach, Seconded S.Ghose, Passed.

Members were asked if they wanted to receive digital copies of the CHO magazine.

3.8.3 Telling Thorncliffe Park's Stories – From First Story to New Story

This event, part of the Myseum Intersections festival exploring different perspectives on the city's natural, cultural and historical diversity, was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 1-5pm at the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre, 48 Thorncliffe Park Drive. The event included a video created for the event, a historical exhibit with mapping, an aboriginal welcome ceremony, a panel discussion with former and current residents of Thorncliffe, community engagement by University of Toronto Urban Design Lab students into potential future public realm improvements in Thorncliffe Park, and a market. G.Kettel co-organized the event with Sabina Ali of the Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee and Anna Louise Richardson of Tree of Life Video .

3.8.4 2016 Heritage Toronto Awards

Noted that the deadline for submission of award nominations is May 13, 2016 at 5pm. Panel members were asked to consider potential nominations for the Awards.

2016-3-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.