

ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

D R A F T MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2014
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Avenue

Present: Mary Louise Ashbourne, Nick Buczok, Paul Chomik,
Denise Harris, Madeleine McDowell, Richard Unterman

Guest & Secretary: Peggy Moulder

Absent: Lisa Moran, David Wencer

Adoption of Agenda

Declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- None

2014-10 #1 **Minutes** –Approve minutes of October 6, 2014 meeting. Moved by Madeleine McDowell, seconded by Mary Louise Ashbourne. Carried.

2014-10 #2 **OLD BUSINESS**

2014-10 #2.1 Panel Expenses – Treasurer Richard Unterman submitted all receipts to HPS by November 30, 2014.

2014-10 #2.2 A brief recap of the EYCPP field trip to the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital orchards and Mimico Station included the following:

2014-10 #2.2a The Orchard

The western orchard is older, and has at least three trees which are around 100 years old. The eastern orchard is younger. Madeleine McDowell suggested that further investigation into the varieties of apples represented was warranted. Madeleine will contact the University of Guelph to see if they might be interested in taking this on as a project, possibly jointly with Humber College which runs arborist courses. In addition, Paul Chomik will contact the Principal of Humber College to assess their interest.

2014-10 #2.2b Mimico Station – The Mimico Station exterior was restored using community donations and looks very good. The interior was renovated for use as a sales office for the On the GO condominium development. The only traces now of the building's use as a railway station are a small amount of original bead board siding and a bay window. A "Live Green" grant of \$78,000 paid for the ductwork for the Geothermal heating installed in the basement, which is not original but provides

needed space for storage and utilities. Stored in the basement are 3-4 original doors, 3 original sinks, and some pieces of old wood paneling.

It is unclear what will happen in June 2015 when the Station is to be returned to the community by the developer. The community needs to have at least \$45,000 of operating funding in place before the City will allow the community to take it back. Peter McHale, Chairman of the Mimico Train Station community group, advised that they have about \$30,000 so far. There are two by-laws in place registered on the On the GO property indicating the developer will restore the Station at their own expense, but they may already consider the interior “restored”. A Heritage Restoration Plan needs to be in place. Paul Chomik will investigate what agreements actually exist.

The Station is a “listed” heritage property and City Council did approve an “Intention to Designate” in 2002, but no action has been taken yet. Denise Harris will inquire with HPS if the Station is in the queue to be designated.

2014-10 #2.2c Denise Harris will ask HPS if it’s possible to get a complete list of all heritage properties being considered for ‘listing’ or ‘designation’ in ECYPP’s area.

2014-10 #2.3 Update on potential application for special heritage event in Lakeshore area. Denise Harris has provided Paul Chomik with the Application Form to hold a Special Heritage Community Event, along with other relevant information. Paul is occupied with other projects at present and will report back in due course.

2014-10 #3 **NEW BUSINESS**

2014-10 #3.1 Michael Scott has moved out of the City and consequently has submitted his resignation from the EYCPP.

2014-10 #3.2a The outcome of the recent Municipal Election resulted in three new Councillors in the EYCPP area. Denise Harris provided a list of all names and related Wards for Councillors in the EYCPP area.

2014-10 #3.2b The list of planned 2015 meeting dates was provided by Denise Harris and approved by the Panel members: February 2, March 2, April 13, May 4, June 1, August 10, October 5, November 2, December 7.

2014-10 #3.3 The TRCA’s Small Arms Inspection Building redevelopment project. The deadline for submitting expressions of interest to renovate and operate this heritage building is December 4, 2014. Denise Harris attended a meeting at the building held by Joseph Veltri of the “Thanks for the Memories” group, one of several applicants. Their proposal is to turn the building into a war museum displaying what the community submits.

2014-10 #3.4 St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church's unregistered cemetery in Weston.

Archaeologists have found about 153 graves containing human remains in a pioneer cemetery in Weston. St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church was built in 1854 and an acre of land immediately behind the church was designated a cemetery. It was used as such until 1895, when a Village of Weston By-law prohibited further burials within the village limits. St. John's was a mission church from 1854 to 1913 and it seems the church is unable to locate records of who was buried in the cemetery up to 1895. By 1953, when a new church was being built on the site, only a very few markers remained and it was generally assumed that although there was a cemetery at one time, the graves had been relocated when the cemetery was deregistered. The archaeological probe has now been completed and a complete map of the cemetery that will confirm the number of grave sites is being prepared and decisions will be made on how to move forward from there.

2014-10 #3.5 Information on New Toronto's BIA and brief presentation on related information from St. Thomas by Paul Chomik.

- The current Chair of the BIA, Dallas Dyer, is committed to changing the name of the BIA from Lakeshore Village BIA back to New Toronto BIA, and will bring it up at the next joint BIA meeting. There is a proposal to put a capsule history of New Toronto on the BIA new website. The BIA wants a new mural grant and is interested in a cohesive mural policy. There is a new mural on the TNT building.
- The U.S. pins small community success on heritage. Also look at the Islington Village murals by artist John Kuna. It would be in the interest of all of the Lakeshore's BIAs to have this same artist do murals in their historic communities.
- Paul showed photos from St. Thomas and focused on signs and painted labels on buildings. He plans to do a presentation to the BIA promoting local history.

2014-10 #4 **DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

- New Toronto Hydro Substation Heritage Impact Report – Paul
- Geoff Kettel's report on State of Heritage in Toronto - Denise
- Peter Milczyn's private members' bill #39 - Denise

2014-10 #5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2014-10 #5.1 Heritage Toronto volunteers function on December 16, 2014, at 6 p.m. – register on Eventbrite - Richard Unterman

2014-10 #5.2 2015 Howland Lecture - January 15, 7:30 pm. Lambton Tavern – Madeleine McDowell

2014-10 #6 **NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

2014-08 #7 **Adjournment**