

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Scarborough Community Heritage Preservation Panel**  
(Municipal Heritage Committee)

Tour held at Midland Park subdivision  
**Tuesday, September 15th, 2015**

<b>Present:</b>	<i>Rick Schofield,</i>	<i>Bob Saunders,</i>	<i>Don Allen,</i>
	<i>Sandy Grigg,</i>	<i>Matthew Gregor,</i>	<i>Carole Whelan,</i>
	<i>Scott MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick Wong,</i>	<i>Councillor Jim Karygiannis</i>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<i>Joan Dolson,</i>		

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

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

S-150901 "Be it resolved that the Minutes of the previous meetings held May 19th and July 25th (tour) be approved as circulated."

*(Carol Whelan, Patrick Wong)* Carried

**2.1 Chairman's Report on Pending Items**  
**Guild log cabin damage**

S-150902 The Chairman reported that he had contacted Preservation staff earlier in the year to inquire about initiating a request to those responsible for, and capable of, replacing the lower log(s) of the designated structure (City owned) known as the Guild log cabin. (Designation Bylaw 19126, Scarborough, 1980-07-21) and located municipally at 191 Guildwood Pkwy).

Bob Saunders reported that the City staff have indicated that the work has been completed. The Chairman agreed to visit the site to document the restoration in photographs.

**ACTION: Chairman**

2.2 **Chairman's Report on Pending Items:**  
**Vimy Oaks Bush, Kennedy Road**

S-150903 The Chairman reported that he had earlier discussed the possible listing or designation of the property with some of those present at the special event to obtain cutting from the history trees.

Councillor Jim Karygiannis reported that he had met with the Church group following discussions of property switching with the adjacent TTC property and the Church had agreed to support the designation of the historic Vimy Oaks Bush lot.

**"Be it resolved that the committee recommend to Preservation staff, the Preservation Board, Scarborough Community Council and Toronto City Council that the historic Vimy Oaks Bush lot located at 3325 Kennedy Road be designated under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act and that staff be requested to prepare the necessary metes and bounds description to separate the bush lot from the rest of the Church property and to request that the City's Urban Forestry Dept. identify the locations of the Vimy Oaks trees to be described in the reasons for designation."**

It is also requested that the proposed designation be prioritized by Preservation staff to ensure that the proposed designated occurs in a timely manner to coincide with the celebrations associated with the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I and that consideration be given to erecting a Memorial plaque on the site subject to approval of the Church/property owner.

*(Councillor Karygiannis Don Allen)* Carried

**ACTION: Chairman to submit Committee resolution to Preservation staff and Preservation Board for comment and future action.**

2.3 **Chairman's Report on Pending Items**  
**Abandoned designated structures on Steeles Ave, east of Markham Road**

S-150904 The Chairman reported that he has received several complaints/comments concerning the two designated buildings at 5933 and 5951 Steeles Ave. East which are currently vacant be being vandalized with graffiti. Both have remained in limbo for several years pending future development.

The Chairman was asked to contact preservation staff to ascertain a timeline for the restoration of these designated properties and what action the property owner can take to eliminate future vandalism and building decay due to neglect.

**ACTION: Preservation staff and property owner**

**2.4**            **Chairman's Report on Pending Items**  
                  **Midland Park - proposed HCD**

S-150905        The Chairman updated the committee of the community's effort to have **Midland Park subdivision** recommended for declaration as a Heritage Conservation District.

The committee toured the proposed Conservation District on July 25, 2015 along with Lisa Duperrault and her husband who have done extensive research on Midland Park and secured the signature support of the majority of residents.

Following a review of the Midland Park Brochure provided by the local committee and the results of the committee's tour:

**"Be it resolved that Midland Park be given consideration for designation as Scarborough's first Heritage Conservation District under Section V of the Ontario Heritage Act."**

Sandy Grigg agreed to be the committee's liaison with the Midland Park group and assist in moving the proposed HCD district forward. It was also suggested that Sandy contact City management, Peter Wallace, to ascertain any possible funding available under Section 37 or other areas to assist the local community with this project.

*(Sandy Grigg, Scott Mackenzie)*                      Carried

**ACTION: Sandy Grigg**

**2.5**            **Chairman's Report - Pending Items:**  
                  **Harris-White heritage property**

S-150906        The Chairman indicated that he has been unable to contact Vivian White, the owner of the property (known as the **Harris-White property** at 33 Murray Avenue) who had requested that the property be designated in recognition of the significant contributions made to society by her late husband Bill White.

An extensive , written report of the contributions of Mr. White has been submitted to Preservation staff as the primary reasons for designation but, as yet, there has been no further action by staff.

The Chairman indicated that he had contacted the Ontario Black History Society in an effort to draw attention to the significance of the proposed designation in the hopes of having the designation approved and publicized during Black History month which is held annually in February. To date there has been no response.

Councillor Jim Karygiannis agreed to contact the area's local councillor Chin Lee to seek his comments and support for the proposed designation of the property for its historical connection to the late William White.

Carried

**ACTION: Councillor Karygiannis**

**2.6 Chairman's Report on Other Pending Issues**

- S-150907 The Chairman circulated a detailed report on all pending issues including the following:
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| S-140606 | Bell Estate restoration @ Bell Estate Dr.   | Work nearing completion           |
| S-140902 | Stinson's Store/Refreshment Booth @ Stop 14 | No noticeable action taking place |
| S-140605 | Menno/Joe Reesor house @ 6467 Steeles Ave.  | Nothing further to report         |
| S-140413 | Russell n. Russell property Lot 7, Con V    | Nothing further to report         |

In addition, the following recommendation for "listing" remain as backlog items at staff level:

Scarborough Animal Shelter	Harris-White dwelling @33 Murray Ave.
Rouge beach Lifeguard Station (1955)	Highland Creek Lawn Bowling club house
Maxwell Mills Ruins	Birch Cliff Plaza
Eastville radar Building	Sunningdale Dwelling
Cornell Dwelling @ 19 Parkcrest	Dunker's Flow Balance System

**"Be it resolved that the Chairman's Report be received"**

*(Carol Whelan, Don Allen)* Carried

**3.1 Communications: Taylor Hazell re: 4142 Sheppard East**

- S-150908 The Committee reviewed the communication from Taylor Hazell Architects seeking information of the heritage property which is currently for sale and possible redevelopment.

The Chairman reported that he had researched the property and reported that the subject brick building was likely constructed by local builder Robert Burrows about 1914. It was part of RP 1909 dated Aug. 8th, 1913 and that W. Garnet Preston and his wife appear as residents on the 1914 Voters' List and thereafter until at least 1958 when the actual address of 4142 Sheppard was first noted.

The committee noted that the building has seen several alterations and unsympathetic changes since 1960 and not likely worth the effort to list or designate.

**'Be it resolved that the committee not recommend the Preston house at 4142 Sheppard Ave. East for possible listing or designation.'**

*(Bob Saunders, Scott Mackenzie)* Carried

**4.1 New Business: TD /Canada Trust Bank @ 1448 Kingston Road**

S-150909 The Chairman reported that the TD Bank on the north-east corner of Kingston Road and Warden is being closed after over 50 years on the site. The curved shape of the building's SW corner provides a unique, architectural design to address the corner lot. While the closing of the bank does not indicate any pending demolition, alterations might be suggested when/if new tenants are found.

It appears that the building, although close to the adjacent structure, may be a separate unit and therefore the possibility of listing and/or designation would not impact on the adjacent building which has no architecture significance.

After some discussion by the committee and the need to take immediate action should alterations be forthcoming, it was decided to put forth a recommendation to have the building listed.

**"Be it resolved that the property known as 1448 Kingston Road, currently a branch of TD Canada Trust, be recommended for inclusion on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties and that Preservation staff be requested to look at the site prior to the closure of the bank in January, 2016."**

*(Don Allen, Sandy Grigg)* Carried

**ACTION: Preservation staff**

**4.2 New Business: The Guild Restoration**

S-150910 The Chairman reported that work has begun on the restoration of the former Guild Inn. Architectural fragments have been relocated in anticipation of the demolition of the west wing of the building. The historic S.S. #23 school belfry has been restored and appears to be heading to a new site adjacent to the log cabin. The Chairman will visit the site and provide pictures of the work for the next committee meeting.

**ACTION: Chairman**

**4.3 New Business: Scarborough Heritage Sites List**

S-150911 The committee reviewed the listing of all the heritage properties in Scarborough and a few corrections and updates were made. Matthew Mackenzie provided a computer-generated map of Scarborough with all the sites pin-pointed. This excellent resource, along with the GIS map and site binder produced earlier, provides the committee members with an excellent resource for discussions and further study of all heritage properties in Scarborough.. designated, listed and other possibilities.

The Committee expressed its sincere thanks to Matthew for his excellent efforts in producing the map.

5. **Adjournment**

S-150912 There being no further business before the committee,

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned”

Dates the the next regular scheduled meeting(s) are as follows:

**Confirmed**

**Tuesday, November 10th**

**Optional (as required)**

Tuesday, December 8th

*Sandy Grigg*