

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL
MINUTES
2018 Report No. 7

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 26, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Present: Geoff Kettel (Chair), Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Connor Turnbull, Karl Frank, Rosanna Iaboni
Guest: Anne-Marie Branch
Deputants: Gary Miedema, and Anna Flood, HPS
Regrets: Daniel Rende, Pat Main, Sam Ghose, Mary Ann Cross

2018-7-1 Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by K. Frank, and seconded by A. Grenzebach that the proposed agenda be adopted. Passed.

2018-7-2 Minutes of Last Meeting (2018 Report No. 6, September 24, 2018)

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by K. Frank that the Minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting be approved. Passed.

2018-7-3 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.3.1 City-Wide Heritage Survey (CWS) Feasibility Study

Gary Miedema, Project Manager, led a presentation and discussion about the CWS Feasibility Study. The Panel appreciated the opportunity to input to the Study and looks forward to further opportunities. HPS notes of the discussion are appended below.

2018-7-4 Other Panel Directions/Initiatives

7.4.1 Area Planning – North York District

7.4.1.1 Midtown in Focus Study (Wards 16, 22, 25, 26)

The Official Plan Amendment for the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan has been submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

7.4.1.2 Laird in Focus Study (Ward 26)

The Laird in Focus Proposals Report and draft OPA/SASP will be reviewed at public meetings in 2019. Further to the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment conducted as part of the Study, recommendations for heritage property listings are expected to come forward in 2019.

7.4.1.3 Don Mills Crossing Study (Wards 25, 26, 34)

Further to the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Study undertaken as part of the Study, recommendations for heritage property listings are expected to be brought forward in 2019.

7.4.2 Cultural Heritage Landscapes

7.4.2.1 Cultural Heritage Landscapes Forum, November 5, 2016

No update

2018-7-5 Site Specific Items

7.5.1 Ward 8

7.5.1.1 744 Duplex Avenue (Snider House)

A committee of adjustment application was submitted for this designated property, dating from 1828. The application was to construct a two storey addition to the rear of the dwelling, including a second-storey balcony. The hearing for the application is on December 6th. There is extensive opposition from neighbours. HPS submitted a letter with comments mainly regarding archeological matters.

7.5.2 Ward 15

7.5.2.1 35 Dinnick Crescent

Due to the absence of City Council approved Intent to Designate (City Council received the report at its July 23-27 meeting) there was no intervention by HPS staff. The application was approved at the CofA hearing on November 22 2018.

7.5.2.2 185 Dawlish Avenue

A committee of adjustment application for this property, which is located next door to 181 Dawlish, a property listed on the Heritage Registry, was approved, but with modifications. However the Committee's decision was appealed by the owner to the TLAB. The TLAB hearing on June 26 ran out of time and was re-scheduled to continue on October 11. TLAB's decision (released Nov. 12th) was to approve the variances as originally applied for.

7.5.2.3 200 Wanless Avenue

A committee of adjustment application was made to demolish and replace the house at 200 Wanless Avenue, sever the lot, and build two new tall homes that are not in keeping with the character of the street. The Committee of Adjustment approved the application on Aug. 30, 2018 and the decision was appealed to the TLAB by neighbours. A heritage nomination was submitted prior to the Committee of Adjustment hearing but unfortunately HPS declined to support the heritage nomination.

2018-7-6 Administrative Items

7.6.1 Panel Financial Report

R. Iaboni reported that she had looked into the costs of developing and maintaining a Panel web site: \$1,500 and hosting \$90 per year, and \$100 per month. She also noted that December 5th was the deadline for submission of Panel expenses.

7.6.2 Future Panel Meeting Dates

Meeting dates proposed for 2019 are the 4th Monday of every month (except August). The next meeting will be held on January 28 2019 in boardroom 4.

2018-7-7 Correspondence

None

2018-7-8 Committee Reports

7.8.1 Lawrence Park Heritage Committee

A. Grenzebach reported that the Committee is working on a new "Heritage Nugget". He also reported on his involvement in the TLAB appeal at 185 Dawlish Avenue where he represented the Lawrence Park Heritage Committee. The Lawrence Park Heritage Committee was disappointed that HPS was not involved in the hearing despite 185 Dawlish's adjacency to the listed property at 181 Dawlish Avenue.

7.8.2 Leaside Matters

Connor Turnbull reported on the National Trust of Canada Annual meeting in Fredericton, where she made a presentation called "Opportunity Knocks, But What's the Secret Knock? Thoughtful Evolution and Retaining Place in Leaside, Toronto". The link to this presentation on the Leaside Matters web site is: <https://leasidematters.ca/2018/12/11/leaside-matters-speaker-at-2018-national-trust-for-canada-conference/>

Connor noted that Leaside Matters would be looking for new leadership as she was returning to the US with her husband and family in late December. As such she was also resigning from the Panel. Members of the Panel expressed their thanks for her creative leadership in the work in Leaside and Toronto, and her active involvement in the North York Panel.

2018-7-9 Other Business

7.9.1 2018 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Heritage Awards

Leaside Matters won the Margaret & Nicholas Hill Cultural Heritage Landscape Award, at the 2018 Awards for "undertaking several well-organized and well-publicized projects that bring Toronto into better touch with Leaside as a cultural landscape" (NYCPP was the nominee for the LM nomination). C. Turnbull and G. Kettel attended the Awards event which was held on Thursday October 11, 2018 at the Symes Road Destructor.

7.9.2 Heritage Toronto

7.9.2.1 2019 Heritage Toronto State of Heritage Report: "The Future of Toronto's Past"

G. Kettel attended a stakeholder consultation on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the City of Toronto Archives.

7.9.2.2 2018 Heritage Toronto Awards

G. Kettel and C. Turnbull attended the Awards held on Monday, October 29, at The Carlu.

7.9.2.3 2019 Heritage Toronto Tours Season

The deadline for submissions for the 2019 program is December 1, 2018.

7.8.3 2018-2022 Panel Appointments

The Panel has been advised that the Panel recruitment process will begin in the New Year. NYCPP will continue to meet with its current membership, pending the appointment of new members.

7.8.4 Toronto Heritage Matters

G. Kettel advised that a new heritage advocacy group (Toronto Heritage Matters) was in the early stages of being organized.

2018-7-9 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Appendix

North York Community Preservation Panel Meeting

November 26, 2018

In attendance: Geoff Kettel; Connor Turnbull; Anne-Marie Branch; Karl Frank; Alex Grenzebach; Gary Miedema (HPS); and Anna Flood (HPS).

Gary talked through a slide deck describing the City-wide Heritage Survey (CWS) Feasibility Study, and concluded by identifying community engagement and use of volunteers as a potential area of interest to the North York Community Preservation Panel Meeting (NYCPP).

Through the discussion, the following comments were collected:

Field Surveys

- The panel seemed to agree that the field surveys should be conducted by experts and student interns, meanwhile neighbourhood input should be important to feed into this process.
- Panel members believed that there is value in walking, on-the-ground field work rather than Google Streetview.

Prioritization

- Historic centres could be mapped to understand the cultural heritage value priority.
 - One member suggested that these centres should come first to find the "gold."
- Panel members were supportive of geographic equity being a higher priority.

Volunteers

- Panel members agreed that the CWS could be a significant opportunity for youth recruitment and mentorship opportunities.
 - It was suggested that heritage, landscape architecture, geography, etc. students could partner with an older heritage professional to conduct the field surveys. Training will be important.

Community Engagement

- Consult the Wayfinding Project which was led by Chris Ronson of Transportation Services at the City of Toronto. This revealed local/city landmarks and could be a useful example of public consultation.
- Partner with libraries and their local collections. Libraries may agree to take the public's items for their local collections.
- Considers "whose history is it?"
 - There is an issue of representation. To think about this meaningful can help with buy-in for the CWS
- The CWS could result in ongoing community engagement though Doors Open Toronto, Jane's Walks, walking tours, theatrical walks, etc.

- According to Connor Turnbull, it will be important to work on the branding of heritage. People need to learn the value of heritage. She spoke of inclusive language, such as "My Toronto" or "I Love New York" which could create the story of Toronto and a sense of place and community. It would help move the CWS into a positive conversation, and not allow it to be caught in the debate about property rights.
- Anne-Marie Branch described a story which illustrated the notion of property owners' perception of heritage as an obstacle. Branding has to deal with this.
- Connor Turnbull mentioned that Toronto is a Bloomberg city. CWS could be branded as a sustainability practice and it could apply for funding through the Bloomberg fund and/or the Chief Resilience Officer.
- Connor Turnbull also spoke about the need for recognition. She suggested that an award for "best heritage in development practices" could be created.

Survey Outcome

- There could be nuances in terms of heritage protection. A Register is not the only tool.
- The Panel recognized that there are concerns surrounding the use of the register because designations can be held up in appeals to LPAT and TLAB
- Instead, the Panel was interested in the idea of an "early warning system", a list of properties which would require further investigation as to their potential heritage value.
- Technology is important, particularly in terms of youth engagement. Technology can help with the legibility piece.

Follow up

- Send the link to the archaeological potential layer in the interactive map.
- Send an update with recommendations when they become available.