

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL
MINUTES
2019 Report No. 3

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 27, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Present: Geoff Kettel (Chair), Alex Grenzebach (Vice Chair), Sam Ghose, Karl Frank, Rosanna Iaboni
Regrets: Daniel Rende, Mary Ann Cross
Guest: Anne-Marie Branch

2019-3-1 Approval of Agenda:

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

2019-3-2 Minutes of Last Meeting (2019 Report No. 2, March 25, 2019)

It was moved by A. Grenzebach and seconded by S. Ghose that the Minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting be approved. Passed.

2019-3-3 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

2019-3-4 Panel Directions/Initiatives

3.4.1 City-Wide Heritage Survey Feasibility Study

This important study is scheduled for consideration by Council as follows:

Toronto Preservation Board (TPB) on June 20, 2019

Planning and Housing Committee (PHC) on July 3, 2019 and

City Council on July 16, 2019.

The Panel agreed to review the staff report when available and send a letter to the TPB.

3.4.2 Area Planning – North York District

3.4.2.1 Laird in Focus Study (Ward 15)

The NYCPP continues to await the final report on the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) study.

3.4.2.2 Don Mills Crossing Study (Ward 16)

The NYCPP is awaiting the final report on the Don Mills Crossing Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) Parts 1 and 2.

A-M. Branch is preparing some comments.

3.4.2.3 Willowdale Neighbourhood Design Guidelines

No update.

3.4.3 Wayfinding Project – North York Centre

The NYCPP agreed to find out more about this project and discuss at a later meeting.

2019-3-5 Site Specific Items

3.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

3.5.1.1 65 Carl Hall Road

R. Iaboni reported that the former de Havilland aircraft factory (which was refurbished) has re-opened as the Aerospace Campus for Centennial College. The NYCPP was previously involved in advocating for preservation and re-use of the building.

3.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

3.5.2.1 - 2704 Yonge St. Trull Funeral Home, and Alexandra Gates

Linda McCarthy from Councillor Colle's office reported that it is too late to preserve the Trull Funeral Home. However, the property owner has confirmed that he is willing to restore the Gates when the project on the site of the Trull Funeral Home is completed. However, plans for the project have not been submitted yet.

Only the capstones are the originals as many years ago, the developer of the condos at 2 Alexandra Boulevard, which they named the "Alexandra Gates", took the Gates down, got rid of the original "clinker brick" and the iron railings, replacing them with poor quality, poorly constructed brick pillars which have deteriorated so they are no longer safe. The Councillor's office is working with the Right of Way section, Heritage Preservation Services (HPS), a committee of residents who were fund raising to replace them, and the developer to find a solution. One option is making conservation/storage of the capstones and reinstallation of the Gates a condition of development approval.

3.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

3.5.3.1 49-51 Lawrence Avenue East, 84 Weybourne Crescent

A Committee of Adjustment (CofA) application for severances and variances required for a project involving the development of eight semi-detached houses in the potential Lawrence Park Heritage Conservation District was refused by the CofA on March 21, 2019. The CofA refusal was appealed to the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB), and the TLAB hearing is set to begin on September 11, 2019.

3.5.3.2 2 Valleyanna Drive (former Gatehouse to Annandale Estate)

This property, which was listed in 1996, is for sale and may be at risk of demolition. A. Grenzebach has submitted a nomination for heritage designation.

3.5.3.4 - 143 Laird Drive

A heritage nomination for 143 Laird Drive has been submitted. An article in the May 2019 edition of Leaside Life described the property's association with the Boyd Gang in the early 1950s. <https://leasidelife.com/the-infamous-boyd-gang-had-a-blast-in-leaside/>

3.5.4 Ward 16 Don Valley East

3.5.2.1 -135 Fenelon Drive

Further to the previous NYCPP meeting, the LPAT issued its decision (Case number PL171145) which includes the following regarding heritage aspects:

"The Tribunal learned that City staff had noted that the Subject Property was not currently included on the City's Heritage Registry, but that it had received a nomination for it to be included. Staff indicated that they felt the Subject Property has potential to hold cultural heritage value and will be researching and evaluating it under the Ontario Heritage Act. Heritage Preservation Services staff are expected to bring a report forward to the Toronto Preservation Board at a later date, but indicated that they had no objections to the proposal proceeding. Further, the staff report indicated that further architectural design and review will be undertaken during the site plan process to ensure the proposed buildings integrate with the existing building".

2019-3-6 Administrative Items

3.6.1 Panel Financial Report

R. Iaboni requested that expenses be submitted.

3.6.2 Future Panel Meeting Dates

Confirmed 2019 meeting dates are as follows:

Monday June 24

Monday July 22

All meetings are to be in Committee Room 4.

3-6.3 Correspondence

3.6.3.1 City of Toronto: Notice of Intention to Designate: 901 Lawrence Avenue West, (dated) February 14, 2019

3. 6.4 Committee Reports

3.6.4.1 Lawrence Park Heritage Committee

A. Grenzebach led a Jane's Walk in Lawrence Park.

3.6.4.2 Leaside Matters

No update.

2019-3-7 Other Business

3.7.1 Bill 108: More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019

Bill 108 is an omnibus bill that if passed would change 13 statutes including the Ontario Heritage Act. Mary Macdonald, Senior Manager, HPS, is making a presentation about Bill 108 at Toronto Preservation Board on May 29, 2019.

For further information and comments the online link is:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0021>

3.7.2 Architectural Conservancy of Ontario – Toronto (ACOT)-Symposium on Main Streets

A-M. Branch attended the symposium held on April 6, 2019.

3.7.3 2019 Toronto Heritage Grant Program

The NYCPP was asked to suggest possible recipients for a special grant run involving house form buildings used by organizations/institutions.

3.7.4 Edith and Geoff Geduld move to Ottawa

Former NYCPP Chair, Edith Geduld, and spouse Geoff Geduld, past Chair of the North York Historical Society, are moving to Ottawa. They were both awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement for 2009, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the preservation, protection and promotion of Ontario's heritage, and they were both awarded the Ontario Historical Society's Cruikshank Medal in 2017.

A motion was made to formally thank them for their contribution to the NYCPP, and to heritage preservation in the City.

Moved A. Grenzebach, seconded K.Frank. Passed.

2019-3-10 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.