

MINUTES OF MEETING

Scarborough Community Heritage Preservation Panel (Municipal Heritage Committee)

held at the Scarborough Archives
Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

Present: Rick Schofield Patrick Wong Carole Whelan
Matthew Gregor

Regrets: Don Allen, Sandy Grigg Bob Saunders

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order.
There were no declared conflicts of interest.

1. Minutes of the Previous meeting.

S-190801

BE IT RESOLVED

"That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved."

Minutes had been previously circulated.

Patrick Wong, Matthew Gregor Carried

2. Chairman's Report on Pending Items:

S-190802

The Chairman reported that he had not received any further communication from staff on several items including:

- (a) Lily Cup site commemoration,
- (b) Midland Park HCD proposal,
- (c) Simeon/Russell Reesor property @ 18 Reesor Road,
- (d) Missing material on Dunker's Flow (lakeshore) and
the Birch Cliff Plaza @ 1664-1680 Kingston Road,
- (e) Five properties currently vacant and threatened and/or vandalized.
 - (i) Underwood brick dwelling @ 5933 Steeles Avenue
 - (ii) Stonehouse (family) Regency cottage @ 5951 Steeles Avenue
 - (iii) Stinson's building @ 171 Midland Avenue
 - (iv) former Eastville Radar Station @ 1 Eastville Avenue
 - (v) Highland Creek Lawn Bowling club house @ 4672 Kingston Road

Joe Muller is the new contact for our area and hopefully he will be able to provide some information on the above noted items.

2.1 **Chairman's Report on Pending Items:**
Scarborough Centennial (1896) Memorial Library Building

S-190803 The Chairman reported that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is now responsible for possible roof issues and restoring the spalling bricks which the Historical Society had intended to do prior to its lease being cancelled. Don Allen was requested to contact the church on behalf of SCPP and outline the expectations that the designated building will be maintained in a proper manner to protect the heritage components of the building.

As Don was absent, the matter was held until the next meeting.

ACTION: *Don Allen to contact the church on behalf of the committee.*

2.2 **Chairman's Report on Pending Items:**
Stinson's Building @ Midland Ave/ Kingston Road

S-190804 The Chairman had met with the new owner of the property several months ago and outlined what issues needed to be addressed and what renovation work he (the owner) proposed would not require Council's approval (interior work and cleanup as well as any work not included in the reasons for designation - which were provided to him).

It has come to our attention that the building is now boarded up, hopefully as the new owner works on restoring the interior and to keep the building secure.

Sandy will be asked to monitor the site from time-to-time and the Chairman will try to contact the owner.

2.3 **Chairman's Report on Pending Items: Weir House Roof**

S-190805 Heritage Preservation staff have been alerted to the decaying shingles on the roof of the designated Weir house (By-law 18274) and Mary MacDonald responded by requesting Joe Muller, the Program Manager for our area, to arrange for an inspection and request for appropriate action. Unfortunately, the memo to Joe was not sent but Joe has now been brought up-to-date on the situation and has contacted the property owner.

The owner has since contacted the Chairman to ascertain what type of shingles would be required. The Chairman indicated that the roof was likely originally shingled with wooden shingles or shakes but he could replace the existing shingles with whatever is currently on the roof since the type of shingle was not part of the described reasons for designation.

The Chairman also mentioned that immediate action is essential to avoid water seeping between the exterior and interior stone walls and freezing over the winter, which could cause the wall to collapse.

2.4 Chairman's Report on Pending Items: Hillside Outdoor Education Center (S.S. #4)

S-190806 On a request from the Chairman, Preservation staff Assistant Planner Adrian Phillips reported that it appears that the roof of the heritage school building (By-law 037-1999) has been covered with metal roof cladding without having contacted HPS prior to the work being done. Adrian indicated that HPS would followup with the TDSB on this matter.

To date, neither Adrian nor HPS has responded to SCPP with regard to the outcome.

ACTION: *The Chairman will wait to hear back for HPS.*

2.5 Chairman's Report on Pending Items: 32 Agincourt Drive

S-190807 Bob Saunders had indicated that the property has a new owner and that we should consider recommending its designation. Bob had agreed to contact the new owner to ascertain their plans for the property. In the absence of Bob, the item was deferred to the next meeting/

ACTION: *Bob Saunders to contact the owner and keep an eye on the property.*

2.6 Chairman's Report on Pending Items: Backlog and others items

S-190808 The chairman concluded his report by referring to the lengthy list of backlog items at Heritage Preservation and other items awaiting action from other sources. While frustrating, there is little SCPP can do as Heritage Preservation Services have limited budgets and staffing.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the above reports on pending items be received."

Carole Whelan, Patrick Wong Carried

3. Updates from the Preservation Board

S-190809 Matthew Gregor, the Chairman's designate on the Toronto Preservation Board outlined some of the recent discussion at the Board, none of which related to Scarborough items. Again the committee expressed concern that while new Preservation Board members are needed to bring a new perspective and new ideas to the table, thus the reason for limiting appointments to two terms (8 years), this would not be of benefit to the Community panels where qualified and knowledgeable volunteers are not easily found in some of the community panels.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the verbal report from the Preservation Board representative, Matthew Gregor, be received."

Matthew Gregor, Patrick Wong Carried

4. Communications

S-190810 The Chairman reported on various communications received in the past few weeks, including:

- 4.1 A citizen inquired regarding the possible heritage value of a dwelling located at 375 Lawson Road. After examining the dwelling exterior from the street, those present did not seem to think the building was especially noteworthy. It is believed to have been built shortly after W.W.II and is set back from the road. Adjacent dwelling were built in the 1970s.
- 4.2 A letter from the Scarborough Clerk indicated that 6351 Steeles Avenue East was the subject of a zoning amendment and draft plan of subdivision application. The detailed report noted that SCPP should have been notified earlier. The Chairman responded with a letter indicating that the committee had earlier discussed the property, which included a 19th C. dwelling known as the Dumond House. The Dumond House was demolished several years ago and the property is no longer on our list.

BE IT RESOLVED

"That the Communications Report be received"

Patrick Wong, Don Allen Carried

5. New Business: Heritage Survey Feasibility Study

S-190811 Gary Miedema, Toronto Preservation staff Project Manager and Heritage Planner, had attended the last meeting and outlined the City-Wide Heritage Survey Feasibility Study which included a review of the Heritage Register & various challenges.

Committee members were then asked to review the detailed study and report back with comments.

After some discussion, the committee expressed concern that it be kept in the survey loop and to be able to comment on a working plan before hiring any students. The background interest and knowledge of Scarborough historic sites by committee members would likely be greater than those of the students. The panel members agreed that Midland Park, for example was a unique community with different characteristics than other communities in Scarborough. The SW corner of Scarborough would also be of importance since it is the oldest developed area dating back to the 1920s.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That Preservation staff be requested to keep SCPP members in the discussion and development loop regarding the Feasibility Study and that SCPP be asked to comment on any proposed work plan before students are hired to conduct the study."

Patrick Wong, Carole Whelan Carried

ACTION: Preservation staff

6. **Appointment of Community Panel members for the 2019-2022 term.**

S-190812 To date, there has been no action taken to reappoint members of the four community panels and as a result, according to Toronto Municipal Code - Heritage, By-law 380-2001 Article III. Section E 5, the current members will continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

It was noted that while several long-time members of the SCPP had been “grandfathered” with regard to the two term limit, having other committee members unable to apply for appointment after two terms would not be of advantage to some Community Panels who already have few new applicants. It was suggested that the bylaw be amended to limit new members to two terms **unless there were insufficient applicants.**

7. **Adjournment**

S-190813 There being no further business before the committee,

BE IT RESOLVED:
“That the meeting be adjourned”

Next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be held on **Tuesday, October 1st, 2019** or as determined by the new committee members if/when they are appointed by Council.

Carole Whelan Carried