

Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel Meeting Minutes

2019 Report No. 3

Date of meeting: Monday, April 29, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Committee Room #3

Present: Paul Farrelly, Anita Millar, Sarah Hill, Megan Albinger, Jane Clark

Regrets: Susana Miranda, Pancheta Barnett

2019-03-01 Approval of Agenda

- PF moved to include a discussion on the State of Heritage Report. Carried.

2019-03-02 Approval of Minutes

- PF moved to approve minutes from March 25, 2019. Carried.

2019-03-03: Reports

2.3.1 Chair's Report:

- PF reviewed TPB meeting from March 26
- Re Civic Appointments: post to go online first two weeks of May for Preservation Board appointees. The 4 chairs of the community preservation panels will be selected through a separate process and nominated by each panel as in the past. The goal is to have the new TPB members included on the agenda for the July Council meeting, followed by the Chair and Vice Chair position elections in August
- CPPs would need to be appointed/convened prior to this. In light of this, SH suggested putting forward a statement regarding the imbalance of the number of members appointed to the TEYCPP in proportion to the number of designated and potential heritage properties compared to other CPPs. Increasing the panel membership may also provide an opportunity to increase the diversity of those sitting on the panel as well as who the panel is able to engage with on heritage issues as a result of broader networks.
- The panel discussed who would like to continue sitting on the panel for another term and raised questions on whether anyone will be contacting members for an official response, or whether it is up to panel members to reapply before a specific deadline.
- PF reviewed specific properties to be discussed at the upcoming TPB meeting
 1. Ontario Place: TEYCPP recommended approving heritage designation
 2. 65 Binscarth Road and 210 Douglas Drive: Panel had no additional comments
 3. King St: JC moved that the TEYCPP representative at the TPB (PF) requests amendments to the proposal from the developer to retain more of the character of the existing building. In particular, the decorative brickwork at the parapet and cornice, and the shape of the windows. Carried.
 4. Danforth Avenue/TTC Barns/Toronto Police – TEYCPP members living in and familiar with East York recommended the TPB votes in favour of this development because it is a good integration of community space.

5. 28-30 Langley – TEYCPP strongly in favour of heritage designation

2.3.2 Social Media Committee:

- JC moved forward with the hosting upgrade voted on at the previous meeting.

2019-03-04: Section Reviews/Vice-Chair Reports

3.4.1 Midtown – SH

- No report

3.4.2 Downtown – PF

- JC reported that the Robert McLaughlin House on Simcoe St suffered a fire; though the structure is brick, the roof has a big hole leaving it exposed to the elements and vulnerable to demolition.

3.4.3 West – JC

- 2 adjacent properties on Queen St W (between Dovercourt and Gladstone) have been demolished
- Robert Home Smith Home (1 Baby Point Rd.) is of concern – it was recently sold but not yet designated and therefore may be vulnerable. City Staff have reported they are aware of the situation, though it is not clear if they are moving forward with designation. If the HCD can be passed in time, this may help to save the property.

3.4.4 East – PB

- PB reported that North York Council all voted in favour of "EDNA BEANGE LANE" on April 24, 2019
- Councillor Jaye Robinson and the City Engineering Dept. to keep PB informed as soon as the signs are up so that the unveiling ceremony date etc. can be sent out to all to attend.

2019-03-05: State of Heritage Report Discussion

- TEYCPP discussed and evaluated the State of Heritage Report, several comments were noted;
- Praise: graphics help make it engaging, which is an improvement over previous versions. It is also a good look at a variety of case studies and the panel recognized the effort of the report to emphasize inclusion and diversity among case study types and community members/groups presented.
- Criticism: one may expect to see a “report card” of sorts, or an at-a-glance comparison of where the city is at on the key indicators of heritage conservation, but this is not present, nor is there a constructive discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of municipal conservation initiatives. It is not clear to the audience of the report who to pressure or hold to account for improving the situation moving forward, or how they can get involved in the form of a list of actionable items to move forward collectively. While local examples are readily identifiable for readers, there are no “best practice” cases from around the world and/or other Canadian cities used as a vehicle for inspiration

Other Business:

- Jane’s Walks are happening the weekend of May 03-05, a great opportunity to learn more about community heritage.

- ACO nominations are due by July 31st, the awards gala is to be held on October 03. Everyone is encouraged to submit nominees and attend the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.