

MINUTES OF MEETING

Scarborough Community Preservation Panel (Municipal Heritage Committee)

held at the Scarborough Archives
Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

Present: Rick Schofield Bob Saunders Don Allen,
Matthew Gregor

Regrets: Carole Whelan Sandy Grigg Patrick Wong

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-200101

BE IT RESOLVED

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

Minutes had been previously circulated.

Matthew Gregor, Don Allen Carried

2.1 Chairman's Report on Pending Items: **Centennial Memorial Library (1896) @ St. Andrews**

S-200102

The Chairman reported that St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is now responsible for restoring the spalling bricks which the Historical Society had intended to do prior to its lease being cancelled. Matthew agreed to send a letter to the church on behalf of the panel, outlining our concerns about the decaying bricks, especially on the west side of the heritage designated building, and the improper use of aluminum fascia boards without approval of the Preservation Board and/or Council as required by the by-law.

ACTION: *Matthew Gregor*

2. Chairman's Report on Pending Items:

S-200103 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) 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 has agreed to try and provide some information on the above noted items.

**BE IT RESOLVED,
"That the Chairman's report on pending items be received"**

Matthew Gregor, Bob Saunders Carried

3. Updates From the Preservation Board

S-200104 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. He indicated that staff are very busy with development issues downtown. New members from the general public have been appointed to the Toronto Preservation Board to join the Chairs (or their designates) from each community panel. An issue remains regarding the role of the Preservation Board. Is their role advocacy or advisory?

**BE IT RESOLVED:
"That the verbal report from the Preservation Board representative, Matthew Gregor, be received."**

Matthew Gregor, Bob Saunders Carried

4 (a) New Business: Midland Park - proposed Heritage Conservation District

S-200105 Following what appears to be the illegal "demolition" of 173 Birkdale Rd, using a vague "renovation" building permit, it appears that a new study of the Midland Park is required to reach an agreement on the extent of the area to be included in the proposed Heritage Conservation District which is supported by the majority of the property owners.

A letter written and sent by Sandy Grigg to Councillor Gary Crawford requesting a meeting to discuss the proposed designation of the Midland Park area as a Heritage Conservation District

To date, Sandy has not yet heard back from the Councillor.

4 (b) Communications to: Joe Muller, Preservation staff
re: 3315 Midland, L'Amoreaux House

- S-200106 The Chairman circulated a letter sent to Joe Muller, Preservation staff, regarding the lengthy delay in having the L'Amoreaux House designated as it was a threatened building on a large property. Notice of intent to designate has been deferred by Scarborough Council at the request of the property owner at least five times, starting in January, 2018.

4 (c) Communications: from Joe Muller, re: L'Amoreaux House

- S-200107 Joe replied to the above issue stating that staff are working with the proponent's heritage consultant to work out the details of the designation. The overall rationale for designation does not seem to be in dispute. Staff are also interested in resolving this issue in a timely manner.

4 (d) Communication: re: demolition of Horton Plaza and redevelopment of the
Agincourt area along Glen Watford

- S-200108 The Chairman has received an inquiry about the proposed demolition of the Horton Plaza which has been a landmark in Agincourt for about 70+ years. A public meeting was held on February 5th and it appears that the main concern was the proposed future development which some felt is too intense for the area.
The committee decided that the Horton plaza itself was not worthy of listing as it did not meet the criteria for heritage cultural value or significant architectural merit.

4 (e) Communication: re: proposed demolition of Malvern United Church

- S-200109 Concern was expressed in the media regarding the sale of Malvern Emmanuel United Church to a developer who has publicly stated he plans to demolish the building and redevelop the site.

The Chairman reported that the church's history can be traced back to the original 1864 frame building on Markham Road (which was demolished in 1975) and its adjacent pioneer cemetery (which is designated under by-law 301-1998). However, the current building is not on the original site and was built in the late 1970s. The members did not feel the current building satisfied the criteria for listing or designation other than its cultural value to the community and to those who worshiped therein.

4 (f) Correspondence: Ontario Heritage Act: New Regulations

- S-200110 The Chairman circulated a confidential report from the Ministry of Heritage Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries entitled "Ontario Heritage Act - New Regulations". Committee members were asked to review the document prior to the next meeting and note any concerns they might have. The document itself is not for public circulation at this time, pending official announcement by the Province.

4. Communications

- S-200111 Following discussion of each of the prior items,
BE IT RESOLVED:
"That the communications listed in item 4 (a) to 4 (f) be received."

Carried

5. New Business: damage to the roof of the Guild log Cabin

- S-200112 The Chairman reported that, following up on two telephone inquiries from the general public, he visit the Guild log cabin which is designated under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act (by-law # 19126).

The Chairman noted several holes in the roof which provide access to the building's attic area by raccoons which have been seen entering the aforementioned holes. An email was sent to the City Parks department with a resulting promise that the roof would be secured within 72 hours. The cabin is currently isolated and vacant but is part of the long-range plans for redevelopment of The Guild and plans already exist for the cabin's complete restoration with the next two years.

BE IT RESOLVED

"That Preservation staff take an active interest in the Guild log cabin, being the oldest dwelling structure in Scarborough and perhaps the oldest in Toronto, on its original site."

Don Allen, Bob Saunders Carried

6. Appointment of Community Panel

- S-200113 The Chairman reported that while new members have been appointed to the Toronto Preservation Board, there has yet to be any announcement of posting to acquire members of the various community Preservation Panels in Scarborough or any of the other communities.

Scarborough currently has a group of seven dedicated members and the Chairman surveyed those at the meeting and all agreed to apply to continue to serve their community. A few additional members would be welcome to assist with the research and bring forth any new ideas.

7. **Dates of the Next meetings of the Scarborough Committee**

S-200114 The committee reviewed the current and proposed schedule of meetings at the Scarborough Archives facilities on the first or second Tuesday of the month when there are sufficient agenda items to discuss.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the Board meeting on the first or second Tuesday of the month as outlined in the following schedule, subject to the call of the Chair at least one week in advance.

First Tuesday of March (3rd), May (5th), and August (4th)

Second Tuesday of April (14th), June (9th), Sept., (8th), Nov. (10th) and Dec. (8th)

Bob Saunders, Matthew Gregor Carried

8. **Adjournment**

S-200115 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, March 3rd.**
or as determined by the new committee members if/when they are appointed by Council.

Bob Saunders Carried