

MINUTES OF MEETING

Scarborough Community Preservation Panel (Municipal Heritage Committee)

held by Zoom Conference Call
Thursday, March 18, 2021

Present: Rick Schofield Bob Saunders Matthew Gregor
Carole Whelan Patrick Wong Sandy Grigg

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

Minutes of the Previous meeting

S-210301

BE IT RESOLVED

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

Bob Saunders, Matthew Gregor Carried

Updates From the Preservation Board

S-210302

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.

BE IT RESOLVED:

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

Matthew Gregor, Bob Saunders Carried

Chairman's Report on Pending Items

S-210303 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 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"

Bob Saunders, Patrick Wong Carried

Communications - Mary McDonald, Senior Manager/ Heritage Planning

S-210304 In response to the Chairman's concern that the panel was not consulted regarding proposed demolition of parts of the Scarboro' Foreign Mission property at 6585 Kingston Road, Mary McDonald replied that that staff "don't actually send out draft reports to any of the panels, designation or otherwise".

The committee members expressed concern that staff were not seeking input from the Council-appointed panels, which seems contrary to the bylaws which established the panels in the first place. ie:

Within its geographical area each panel may:

- (1) *recommending properties within the local community which should be considered by the Board for inclusion on the City inventory of heritage properties.*
- (2) **monitor heritage properties**, including those properties at risk, for review and discussion by the Board;
- (3) **research into properties** being proposed for inclusion on the City inventory of heritage properties, public programs and other preservation-related issues;

In this case, the request to staff dates back to May, 2020 and members asked why the ten month delay in contacting our committee for comments.

Be it resolved:

"That Matthew bring the matter to the attention of the Preservation Board and/or staff for comment, in an effort to improve communications."

Carole Whelan, Bob Saunders Carried

Communications - Report from Council on L'Amoreeaux dwelling

S-210305 The Chairman noted that the proposed designation of the L'Amoreaux frame dwelling at 3325 Midland Avenue had been deferred six times dating back to Jan. 16, 2018. The most recent deferral from Council meeting held February 28th, deferred the report to sometime in April.

Be it resolved:

"That Matthew contact the local Councillor in that Ward to ascertain the reason for the delay in recommending the designation of this heritage dwelling."

Carole Whelan, Bob Saunders Carried

Communications - Council Report on Hillside area bridges

S-210306 The Chairman reported a proposed "Transportation Master Plan (EA) review of the bridges in the Hillside area which cross the Rouge River." As the report is currently listed as confidential the Chairman could not share the existing data and/or proposals but suggested that the committee members use the usual summer tour to drive to the site of all the bridges to become familiar with their design, structure and condition.

Four of the bridges are currently designated: Sewell's Road suspension bridge (1912)
Hillside pony truss bridge on Meadowvale (1917), Stotts pony truss bridge on Twyn Rivers (1915)
Maxwell's concrete bowstring bridge on Twyn Rivers (1927)

The Milne bailey bridge on Old Finch was constructed after Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and rebuilt in 1988. It is "listed" on our heritage inventory.

Two overhead steel girder RRX bridges are also in the area but can not be listed or designated as they are CP provincial property.

The committee agreed to have a tour of the area on a suitable Saturday afternoon in the summer (TBA)

Communications - Ministry's proposed MZO

S-210307 The Provincial Government is proposing changes to the Planning Act regarding MZO. Through Schedule 3 of Bill 257.

Essentially, the Minister would not have to conserve any heritage resources in issuing a Zoning Order.

The Provincial Policy Statement has heritage protection policies which states "significant built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved" (Section 2.6, Policy 2.6.2.).

While this may not affect Scarborough properties directly, the Chairman is concerned about the potential impact of this legislation.

Be it resolved:

"That the Chairman write a letter to the Ministry on behalf of the committee requesting that all existing MZO be voided in relationship to heritage properties"

Matthew Gregor, Sandy Grigg Carried

Communications - Heritage Grant Application @ 63 Delburn

S-210308 The Chairman reported on a March 10 communication regarding upcoming Preservation Board discussion on 2021 Heritage Grant Awards.

The only grant request relating to Scarborough is a \$ 20K grant request to replace the existing roof at 63 Delburn with an historic cedar roof replacement.

This is the designated Stonehouse/Lawrence dwelling built in 1871 by the Stonehouse family. It is a fieldstone dwelling which originally had a cedar roof and the owner wishes to restore in to its original style.

Be it resolved:

"That the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel support the granting of up to \$ 20K to replace the existing roof with cedar shingles."

Sandy Grigg, Carole Whelan Carried

Communications - Scarboro' Foreign Mission @ 2685 Kingston Road

S-210309 The Chairman indicated he had visited the site several times in the past and taken many pictures. The former LACAC had suggested that the original 1923 section of the building be designated under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act. In consultation with the Catholic church and the property manager at that time, there was strong resistance to possible designation. Since the building was thought to be relatively safe from any demolition in the foreseeable future, the committee took no further action.

The China Foreign Mission Society operated on the premises from 1923 until 2018 but now the Catholic Church wishes to demolish the west wing built in 1958 and replace it with a new Catholic Secondary School to replace the nearby Cardinal Newman High School.

As recorded earlier, the committee was not given appropriate knowledge of the report nor the October 30, 2020 Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Goldsmith, Chris Borgal and Company, architects.

While it appears from the material provided, that the main heritage building will be retained, the addition to the west will be demolished. The committee reviewed images of the west addition and for the most part, did not feel a strong inclination to oppose its demolition. However, the original datestone and the stained glass windows in the north entrance should be preserved along with photo documentation of the area to be demolished.

Be it resolved:

"That preservation staff be asked to seek the retention of the original datestone and stained glass windows in the north entrance of the west addition scheduled for demolition. Further that the datestone and the windows be displayed on the site in some appropriate manner."

Bob Saunders, Carole Whelan Carried

Appointment of Community Panel members for 2000-2024

- S-210310 While Covid-19 restrictions make it difficult to hold interviews to select candidates for the various community panels, the first half of the current term (1999-2022) is now over. It is assumed that the existing Council-appointed members will continue through the end of the current term in 2022 and until further notice.

Adjournment

- S-210311 There being no further business before the committee,

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the meeting be adjourned"

Due to the existing Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions, the next meeting of the committee to be held on **Tuesday, May 4th via Zoom starting at 7:30 p.m.**

Bob Saunders Carried