

MINUTES OF MEETING

Scarborough Community Preservation Panel
(Municipal Heritage Committee)

Scarborough Archives
Tuesday, November 30th, 2021

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

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order

Guest Presentation: Gary Miedema, Heritage Preservation

S-211100 Using iphone voice connection and computer visuals, Gary Miedema and the panel members exchanged notes on the proposed Scarborough Civic Centre Study. Following an hour of discussions, Gary agreed to compile his notes and provide the committee with a draft report via email in the coming days.

The main concerns expressed by the committee were the lack of any progress on the committee's recommendation to have a HCD study done on Midland Park and the backlog of recommended listings.

The Chairman thanks Gary for his efforts to present the Scarborough Plan and note the importance of the committee's comments.

The committee then moved forward with its regular agenda.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held October 5th, 2021

S-211101 The minutes of the meeting was previously circulated

BE IT RESOLVED

"That the minutes of the meeting held Oct. 5th, 2021 be approved"

Bob Saunders, Matthew Gregor Carried

2.1 Chairman's Report on Pending Items & Updates

S-211102 The Chairman reviewed the materials in his report which was circulated

2.1 Proposed designation of the Milne Bridge

2.2 Complete update of all heritage properties and coded list

Due to time constraints, item 2.2 was deferred. The Chairman will send the complete report to all committee members for their use and permanent file.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the Chairman's report be received"

Sandy Grigg, Bob Saunders Carried

2.2 Chairman's Report on Pending Items - Milne Bridge

S-211103 The Chairman noted that Parks Canada is compiling data on all bridges with the Park although they are all located on City road allowance and thus City property. Four of the bridges are already designated.

The Milne Bailey bridge is only "listed" on the Heritage Inventory.

It was erected in 1955 by the 2nd Field Engineer Regiment of the Canadian Military Engineers following the loss of the original bridge during Hurricane Hazel in 1954. A bronze plaque was erected by the City of Scarborough on the site in 1985 and it was refurbished in 1988. Because of its historical significance and being the last of its kind in Scarborough and perhaps Toronto, the committee suggested that better protection is necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the Toronto Preservation Board recommend that the Milne Bailey bridge on old Finch Avenue, crossing the Rouge River, be designated under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Patrick Wong, Sandy Grigg Carried

ACTION: Toronto Preservation Board and/or staff

3. Updates from the Toronto Preservation Board

S-211104 Matthew noted that there has been little activity relating to Scarborough other than the approval of the designation of the L'Amoreaux property on Midland and the designated of 19 Parkcrest (By-law 802-2021)

BE IT RESOLVED

“That Matthew’s the report from the Toronto Preservation Board be received.”

Matthew Gregor, Bob Saunders Carried

4. Communications

S-211105 The Chairman circulated various communications received as noted below:

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| 4.1 | from Ealex Tang: | re: proposed refiguring at 3315 Midland |
| 4.2 | from City Clerk: | re: application to build 24 townhouse @ 3315 Midland |
| 4.3 | from ERA | re: Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report: Wexford church |
| 4.4 | City Clerk | re: minutes of Preservation Board |
| 4.5 | “ | re: 19 Parkcrest now designated buy by-law 802-2021 |
| 4.6 | “ | re: 4121 Kingston road - demo of car dealership |
| 4.7 | “ | re: 54-62 Glen Everest Rd- redevelopment and demolition |
| 4.8 | “ | re: 1625 Military Trail, 2-8 storey apts overlooking ravine |
| 4.9 | “ | re: other various Planning Act applications (no heritage impact) |

There was no apparent historical interest in items 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 or 4.9

There was some interest in preserving the Wexford Presbyterian Church because of its unique architectural style and it connection to the community over many years. However the building does not appear to be threatened at this time but further study should be done.

BE IT RESOLVED:

“That the Communications Report be received”

Sandy Grigg, Patrick Wong Carried

5.1 New Business: Community Heritage Ontario membership renewal

S-211106 The committee members strongly support the ongoing work of CHO and its ongoing attempts to bring heritage matters of interest to its members and the general public.

Copies of CHO's quarterly publications are provided to each committee member.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The the committee renew its annual members in CHO at a cost of \$ 75.00.

Bob Saunders, Carole Whelan Carried

Action: Chairman

5.2 New Business: Proposed townhomes at 3315 Midland Avenue

S-211107 The committee reviewed two options for the building of townhouse units surrounding the designated L'Amoreaux dwelling. Both options have good design with an option format provided which would relocate one unit to Midland Avenue rather than the side street which was one of the options presented by the developer.

The committee decided to accept the plans which were earlier approved by Preservation staff.

5.3 New Business: 110 Maybourne Ave

S-211108 The committee examined the faux castle style building which the owner is likely planning to demolish. Maximilian Heiduczek bought an average looking one-storey bungalow in 1971 and then started renovating and adding to it until his "castle" took form. Unfortunately his whimsical ideas and the additions, constructed mostly of stuccoed walls, did not hold up to Canadian climate and the building has fallen into disrepair.

The Chairman noted that he has documented the interior features as well as the exterior to preserve its history but that it is unlikely to continue to serve as an inhabitable dwelling unless an owner chooses to spend large funds to restore the exterior and keep it in good shape. It obviously does not blend in well with the surrounding community.

(see attached image)

BE IT RESOLVED

"That the committee take no further action to recommend either the listing or designation of the property."

Bob Saunders, Carole Whelan Carried

5.4 **New Business - West Ellesmere United Church**

S-211109 Committee members reviewed images of West Ellesmere United Church which is currently on the market for sale. The site is in the middle of a subdivision on a medium size lot with access to two residential streets. It is considered prime future residential property should a buyer be unable to continue to use the building for its current community use.

The Church was completed in 1958, designed by architectural firm Craig and Zeidler who are also behind many other famous Ontario and Canadian buildings like the Eaton Centre and Ontario Place. It is a unique mid-century expressionist building that features "parabolic glulam arches with a north-facing clerestory at the intersection of the two roof planes" according to ACO.

BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the Toronto Preservation Board (and/or Preservation staff) review the property in a timely manner with the possibility of recommending the property for designation (or listing) under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act.

(see attached image)

Patrick Wong, Carole Whelan Carried

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| <p><i>ACTION: Toronto Preservation Board and/or staff As the property is currently for sale, <u>immediate action</u> may be necessary to save this unique building from possible demolition. It could serve as a community centre or other appropriate use.</i></p> |
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6. **Adjournment**

S-211110 There being no further business before the committee,

**BE IT RESOLVED:
"That the meeting be adjourned"**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the committee will be **Tuesday, January 4th, 2022** unless changed at the call of the Chair subject to agenda ideas and reports requested from staff and others.

A proposed schedule for SCPP meetings in 2022 was provided but depends on any future appointments of committee members and issues to discuss:

The first Tuesday of January (4th), March (1st), May (3rd), July (5th), Oct. (4th) and other dates as required and at the call of the Chair.

Matthew Gregor Carried