

**NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL
MINUTES**

2023 Report No. 4

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. (by Google Meet)

Present: Alex. Grenzebach (Interim Chair), Mitchell Bubulj, Eli Aaron, Sharon Mourer, Anne-Marie Branch, Rosanna Iaboni, Reza Safavi

Regrets: Sam Ghose

Guest: Geoff Kettel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Alex. Grenzebach)

2023-4-1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Eli Aaron, seconded by Sharon Mourer – passed.
There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2023-4-2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting: Moved by Sharon Mourer, seconded by Anne-Marie Branch – passed.

2023-4-3 Delegations and Presentations

None

2023-4-4 Area-wide items

4.4.1 Follow-up on April 24 Panel orientation session

The Panel meeting scheduled for April 24 was replaced by a virtual Panel orientation session conducted by Gary Miedema and Paul Maka of Heritage Planning. A concern arising from the meeting was the need for a more complete / accurate list of North York heritage properties. It would also be useful to receive advice on the Panel's approach to the review and prioritization of properties.

The session was very useful and well-presented. The Power Point slides should be made available to the Panel members. The Panel meeting was rescheduled to May 1.

2023-4-5 Site-specific items and properties of interest

4.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

Downsview Redevelopment

Alex. Grenzebach reported on his attendance at a CRG meeting where preferred routes for major roads were discussed. The preferred east-west route at the north end of the site cuts through the Supply Depot building which would result in its division into two buildings. He raised an objection to this proposal and was assured that the possibility of building the road through the Supply Depot (while maintaining the roof structure) would be investigated.

4.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

43 Kimbark Blvd.

Heritage Planning staff required access to the property in order to photograph the house for a heritage designation report. The owner would allow access to his property only if he was given access to Eli Aaron's heritage nomination. Eli Aaron consented to allow him to view a redacted version.

Edgecombe Character Houses

Eli Aaron reported that no further heritage nominations have been submitted.

Lytton Park Character Initiative

Eli Aaron reported that the second batch of heritage evaluation requests remains to be submitted to Heritage Planning. A new house to be built at 20 Lytton Blvd., immediately to the east of the designated house at 22 Lytton, was originally situated six feet ahead of #22 and would thus obscure the view of #22. The Committee of Adjustment, with the support of Heritage Planning, approved the application with a reduction from six feet to four feet.

Former St. Clement's Library

An addition is planned for this city-owned listed building. Heritage Planning is unwilling to bring up the matter with the relevant department. A motion to nominate the building for designation was moved by Eli Aaron and seconded by Sharon Mourer – carried. Anne-Marie Branch volunteered to write up the designation document with assistance.

4.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

30 High Point Road (Billes House)

Anne-Marie Branch has submitted the heritage nomination.

1779-81 and 1783-85 Bayview Avenue (Talbot Quads)

Geoff Kettel reported that there has been no movement by the City to move ahead with designating 1779-81.

1477 Bayview Avenue (Garden Court)

The Panel will continue to monitor the situation regarding the concern over the poor quality of the landscaping.

17 Macnaughton Road

Mitchell Bubulj will continue to monitor the situation.

68-72 Laird Drive

Mitchell Bubulj moved that a heritage nomination listing request be submitted for this property; seconded by Anne-Marie Branch – carried.

44 Dinnick Crescent

The house continues to be vacant.

At the January 23, 2023 NYCPP meeting, a motion was passed to authorize the submission of a heritage nomination request for this property. Eli Aaron volunteered to write the heritage nomination request. The submission is pending.

551 Mt. Pleasant Road (Regent Theatre)

A hybrid Community Meeting was held on April 13.

505 Balliol Street

Nothing to report at this time.

817 Mt. Pleasant Road (St. Peter's Estonian Lutheran Church)

At its April 24, 2023 meeting, the Toronto Preservation Board recommended that 817 Mt. Pleasant Road be included on the Heritage Register.

4.5.4 Ward 16 Don Valley East**123 Wynford Drive (former Japanese Canadian CC)**

Anne-Marie Branch has written to Councillor Jon Burnside regarding her concerns about the heritage evaluation process and the proposed development.

789-793 Don Mills Road (Foresters House)

At its April 24, 2023 meeting, the Toronto Preservation Board stated its intention to designate 789-793 Don Mills Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

4.5.5 Ward 17 Don Valley North

3377 Bayview Avenue

On April 5, 2023, City Council gave notice of its intention to designate the property at 3377 Bayview Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

75 Talara Drive and 1255 Sheppard Ave. East

Paul Maka of Heritage Planning reached out to the NYCPP to see if it has any information on these properties – specifically, if it is aware of any community or associative values. At this point, Heritage Planning is considering if they should be identified as having heritage potential as part of a planning study. Anne-Marie volunteered to contact Paul Maka regarding possible assistance.

4.5.6 Ward 18 Willowdale

5800 Yonge Street (former NY Hydro)

Anne-Marie Branch will write to the new councillor to express her concerns about the redevelopment proposal and the current use of the building.

2023-4-6 Administrative Items

4.6.1 Panel Financial Report – Future Expenditures

There was no financial report.

4.6.2 Future Meeting Dates (2023)

The following dates are proposed for the remaining first part of 2023 (both are Mondays):

May 29, June 26.

4.6.3 Correspondence

None

2023-4-7 New Business

None

2023-4-8 Other Business

4.8.1 Events of interest – past and upcoming

Leaside 110 will be featuring an archival exhibit at the Leaside Library on May 4-6.

On May 10 there will be an anniversary celebration at Amsterdam Brewery. The East York Historical Society will devote its May 30th program to Leaside. Jane's Walks of Leaside will be held May 5-7.

4.8.2 Time Capsule

Anne-Marie Branch wrote to Councillor Pasternak regarding assisting with the creation of a 25-year time capsule.

4.8.3 Examining NY Listed Properties

Anne-Marie Branch has submitted the updated spreadsheet file to Heritage Planning. This file contains 133 listed properties in the North York area. She appreciated the assistance of certain Panel members in helping to “fill in the gaps”. Thanks to Anne-Marie for undertaking this significant task.

4.8.4 Use of social media etc.

A discussion of the use of Google Drive was postponed until a future time when more information will be available.

2023-4-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.