

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES 2023 Report No. 5

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 29, 2023

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

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

Regrets: Sam Ghose, Rosanna Iaboni

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Alex. Grenzebach)

2023-5-1 Approval of Agenda

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

2023-5-2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2023 meeting: Moved by Sharon Mourer, seconded by Reza Safavi – passed.

2023-5-3 Delegations and Presentations

None

2023-5-4 Area-wide items

5.4.1 Follow-up on the April 24 Panel orientation session

Alex. Grenzebach will request a copy of the Powerpoint presentation.

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

5.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

Downsview Redevelopment

Alex. Grenzebach reported on his attendance at a CRG meeting at which it was suggested that some future meetings could be heavily focussed on community social development issues. Sharon Mourer and he felt that the Panel's recommendations should be limited to heritage and related issues.

5.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

43 Kimbark Blvd.

Although Eli Aaron consented to allow the owner to view a redacted version of the heritage nomination, no access to the property for photography has yet occurred.

Edgecombe Character Houses

Nothing to report at this time.

Lytton Park Character Initiative

Eli Aaron reported that he has started the preliminary work on a booklet featuring a number of the more significant heritage houses in Lytton Park. He will continue to monitor the development activity in the area and will submit heritage evaluation requests if required, rather than submit a second batch of requests at this time.

14 St. Clement's Avenue (former St. Clement's Library)

An addition is planned for this city-owned listed building. Anne-Marie Branch questioned the apparent lack of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) for this property. (Further investigation revealed that a CHER is not required in this situation.) Eli Aaron, with input from Anne-Marie Branch, will submit a designation request before the upcoming Committee of Adjustment meeting.

5.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

30 High Point Road (Billes House)

Anne-Marie Branch has received confirmation that the heritage nomination has been received.

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

Eli Aaron reported that the application has been appealed by the developer to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

44 Dinnick Crescent

Eli Aaron has prepared a heritage evaluation request for this property and Alex. Grenzebach will be submitting this request in the near future.

551 Mt. Pleasant Road (Regent Theatre)

At a recent Committee of Adjustment (CoA) meeting, Heritage Planning submitted a request for a deferral until July. Sharon Mourer reported on strong local opposition from homeowners on the street behind the theatre. Also, the public notice was incomplete. Accordingly, the CoA hearing was deferred for several months.

505 Balliol Street

Nothing to report at this time.

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

At its May 16, 2023 meeting, the North York Community Council approved the recommendation that 817 Mt. Pleasant Road be included on the Heritage Register.

68-72 Laird Drive

Mitchell Bubulj is working on the heritage nomination for these properties.

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

Anne-Marie Branch's letter was forwarded to staff at Heritage Planning and she has yet to receive any feedback.

789-793 Don Mills Road (Foresters House)

At its May 16, 2023 meeting, City Council stated its intention to designate 789-793 Don Mills Road under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

5.5.5 Ward 17 Don Valley North**3377 Bayview Avenue**

City Council, at its May 10,11,12, 2023 meeting, passed the Designation By-law for the property at 3377 Bayview Avenue, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

75 Talara Drive and 1255 Sheppard Ave. East

Anne-Marie Branch will circulate the results of her research to the Panel.

5.5.6 Ward 18 Willowdale**5800 Yonge Street (former NY Hydro)**

Anne-Marie Branch will approach the local councillor after the municipal election.

2023-5-6 Administrative Items**5.6.1 Panel Financial Report – Future Expenditures**

There was no financial report. The previously-authorized expenditure for the production of the Leaside 110 brochure will likely be in the range \$200-210.

5.6.2 Future Meeting Date (2023)

The following date is proposed - June 26.

5.6.3 Correspondence

None

2023-5-7 New Business

5.7.1 Panel liaison with the North York Historical Society (NYHS)

Anne-Marie Branch volunteered to be the Panel's contact person with the NYHS.

2023-5-8 Other Business

5.8.1 Leaside 110

The events to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Leaside were very successful – archival exhibit, anniversary celebration and Jane's Walks of Leaside.

5.8.2 Time Capsule

Anne-Marie Branch has not received a response to her offer to assist with creating a 25-year time capsule.

5.8.3 Event of interest

The final event of Leaside 110 will be held at the May 30 meeting of the East York Historical Society at 7 p.m. at Walter Stewart Library.

5.8.4 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.

2023-5-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.