

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES 2023 Report No. 6

Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 29, 2023

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

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

Regrets: Sam Ghose, Reza Safavi

Guest: Geoff Kettel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Alex. Grenzebach)

2023-6-1 Approval of Agenda

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

2023-6-2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the May 29, 2023 meeting: Moved by Mitchell Bubulj, seconded by Rosanna Iaboni – passed.

2023-6-3 Delegations and Presentations

None

2023-6-4 Area-wide items

Both the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Dan Schneider (Univ. of Waterloo) have provided a critical analysis of how changes to the Ontario Heritage Act have a detrimental effect on heritage preservation. Alex. Grenzebach will submit comments on behalf of the Panel.

2023-6-5 Site-specific items and properties of interest

6.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

Downsview Redevelopment

Anne-Marie Branch will follow up on the City's design review. Movies and runway visits are planned to increase public awareness of the site.

6.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

43 Kimbark Blvd.

Eli Aaron consented to allow the owner to view a redacted version of the heritage nomination. Eli Aaron has contacted HPS for an update.

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

Eli Aaron, with input from Anne-Marie Branch, has submitted a designation request and has received an acknowledgement.

94 Cortleigh Boulevard

At its June meeting, the Toronto Preservation Board endorsed its inclusion on the Heritage Register. Alex. Grenzebach represented the Panel at the June 20, 2023 North York Community Council meeting to support its inclusion on the Heritage Register - which was subsequently adopted.

6.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

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

Geoff Kettel had nothing to report.

44 Dinnick Crescent

A heritage evaluation request has been submitted for this property. The Committee of Adjustment application indicates that both external and internal changes are proposed.

324 Old Yonge Street

This listed property was supposedly undergoing restoration and then plans for a new development were submitted. Eli Aaron reported that these plans have been withdrawn. Eli Aaron will continue to monitor the situation.

551 Mt. Pleasant Road (Regent Theatre)

At its June 22, 2023 meeting, the Committee of Adjustment (CofA) opted for a further deferral to permit mediation regarding neighbourhood concerns.

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

At its June 14/15, 2023 meeting, City Council adopted the recommendation that 817 Mt. Pleasant Road be included on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.

68-72 Laird Drive

The Committee of Adjustment approved the proposal.

1477 Bayview Avenue (Garden Court Apartments)

Alex. Grenzebach has been contacted by resident Mark Duffield regarding ongoing changes which are contrary to heritage attributes of the property.

66 Parkhurst Boulevard

It is planned to demolish the William Arthur Deacon House. A motion was made to request Heritage Planning to evaluate the property regarding its inclusion on the City's Heritage Register. Moved by Mitchell Bubulj; seconded by Anne-Marie Branch – passed.

Crestview Apartments

A petition has indicated considerable support for heritage status for these apartments. A motion was made to support the nomination of this building complex to the Heritage Register. Moved by Eli Aaron; seconded by Sharon Mourer – passed.

6.5.4 Ward 16 Don Valley East

123 Wynford Drive (former Japanese Canadian CC)

Alex. Grenzbach will write a letter to the Planning and Housing Committee (re: item PH5.10) supporting the intention to designate this property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. If supported by the Planning and Housing Committee, the matter will come before City Council on July 19, 2023.

Ontario Science Centre (770 Don Mills Road)

The integrity of this listed building is threatened by current development plans proposed by the provincial government. Anne-Marie Branch volunteered to write a letter to local Councillor Jon Burnside and to MPP Michael Coteau urging the retention of the Centre in its current location.

6.5.5 Ward 17 Don Valley North

3377 Bayview Avenue

Jim Donegan, a local resident who has been active in promoting the preservation of the site, is very disappointed in the lack of preservation of a number of heritage features. He is also upset that the protected view shed of the mother house starts to the east of Bayview Ave. and therefore will allow buildings to be erected which will partially block the view of the mother house from Bayview Ave.

75 Talara Drive and 1255 Sheppard Ave. East

Anne-Marie Branch reported that she will be doing further research on 75 Talara Drive. She has submitted information to Heritage Planning on 1255 Sheppard Ave. East in the form of a nomination.

6.5.6 Ward 18 Willowdale

5800 Yonge Street (former NY Hydro)

Anne-Marie Branch will contact the local councillor.

2023-6-6 Administrative Items

6.6.1 Panel Financial Report – Future Expenditures

No amount has been submitted for the Leaside110 folder – in fact, there may be no charge. Eli Aaron's booklet on Lytton Park is underway, but has not yet reached the point where a printing cost can be estimated.

6.6.2 Future Meeting Dates (2023)

It was agreed that Monday is a good day for meetings and that virtual meetings are satisfactory. There will be a summer break.

6.6.3 Correspondence

None

2023-6-7 New Business

None

2023-6-8 Other Business

6.8.1 Events of Interest

The AGM of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was held by video conference on June 24, 2023.

6.8.2 Use of Google Drive

Sharon Mourer reported that a simpler-to-use version of Google Drive may be available and that she will investigate further.

2023-6-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.