

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES 2023 Report No. 7

Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 28, 2023

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

Present: Eli Aaron, Sharon Mourer, Anne-Marie Branch, Reza Safavi

Regrets: Alex. Grenzebach (Interim Chair), Mitchell Bubulj, Sam Ghose, Rosanna Iaboni

Guest: Geoff Kettel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Eli Aaron – guest chair)

2023-7-1 Approval of Agenda

The Panel was unable to approve the agenda as there was no quorum. There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

September 13, 2023: Vote by email. Moved by Eli Aaron, seconded by Mitchell Bubulj – passed.

2023-7-2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Panel was unable to approve the minutes of the June 29 meeting as there was no quorum.

September 13, 2023: Vote by email. Moved by Eli Aaron, seconded by Mitchell Bubulj – passed.

2023-7-3 Delegations and Presentations

None

2023-7-4 Area-wide items

7.4.1 Changes to Provincial Policy Statements

The deadline was August 2, 2023.

7.4.2 Bill 23 heritage response

Anne-Marie Branch spoke to Heritage Staff. Heritage Planning has baseline data for the 4000 listed properties. Heritage Planning is looking at best practices globally. Heritage Planning will reach out to the panels soon.

Geoff Kettel has compiled a list of heritage properties and associated statuses in Leaside.

7.4.3 Delegated authority to list properties on the Heritage Register

Eli Aaron and Geoff Kettel have drafted a motion to be moved at the Toronto Preservation Board that would broaden staff's delegated authority to allow them to list properties with active consent and minor variance applications where time constraints do not allow the property to be listed by City Council.

The Panel was unable to vote on the motion because there was no quorum.
September 13, 2023: Vote by email. Moved by Eli Aaron, seconded by Mitchell Bubulj – passed.

2023-7-5 Site-specific items and properties of interest

7.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

Downsview Redevelopment

Movies and runway visits are planned to increase public awareness of the site. Rosanna Iaboni was at a Downsview meeting the night of the Panel meeting. The community resource group (CRG) meeting is scheduled for August 29. Sharon Mourer will attend on behalf of the NYCPP.

7.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

43 Kimbark Blvd.

Michael Seaman responded to Eli Aaron's inquiry regarding the status of the heritage nomination and stated that Heritage Planning does not intend to designate this property. Staff believe the alteration plans will preserve the heritage value of the property. Other properties have higher priorities. The Panel would be more comfortable with a designation since this would allow staff greater oversight of the alterations. Eli Aaron sent a response to staff.

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

Alterations were approved by the Committee of Adjustment with conditions from Heritage Planning requiring the final plans to be circulated to Heritage Planning.

94 Cortleigh Boulevard

This property was listed on the Heritage Register by City Council on July 19, 2023. The property sold on August 7, 2023. The Panel will continue to monitor the status of the property.

1498 Avenue Road (St. Ansgar Lutheran Church)

The property is a modernist landmark. The church announced its permanent closure in June. Eli Aaron is conducting research and will be writing a nomination on behalf of the Panel.

September 13, 2023: Vote by email. Motion: That the Panel submit a heritage nomination for the property at 1498 Avenue Road (St. Ansgar Lutheran Church). Moved by Eli Aaron, seconded by Mitchell Bubulj – passed.

7.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

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

The development application which proposes to demolish two quads has been appealed to the OLT. The appeal report is on the September 6, 2023 agenda of the North York Community Council. The panel will send a letter.

1477 Bayview Avenue (Garden Court Apartments)

No update.

Crestview Apartments

A nomination was submitted by Geoff Kettel with note of support from the NYCPP.

66 Parkhurst Boulevard

Heritage Planning requested deferral through a staff report to the Committee of Adjustment. The Committee declined to defer the application and approved a replacement house.

551 Mt. Pleasant Road (Regent Theatre)

The third Committee of Adjustment hearing was held on August 24, following two previous deferrals. City Planning and Heritage Planning supported the application. Residents on Hadley Road opposed the application. The Committee refused the application.

A FoNTRA letter was sent to Chief Planner Gregg Lintern requesting the City to get involved and support the application at TLAB, if appealed.

505 Balliol Street

Sharon Mourer reported that the property was neglected. Sharon Mourer will visit the property.

132 Blythwood Road

The property is located in the Blythwood Road HCD, and is designated under Part V of the OHA. The house is neglected with property standards issues dating back to 2009. Eli Aaron followed up with Neil MacKay and provided prior property standards violations. Staff will visit the property.

44 Dinnick Crescent

Paul Maka informed Eli Aaron that Heritage Planning will not be pursuing listing or designation of the property. The Committee of Adjustment approved alterations to the house on August 24, 2023.

141 Riverview Drive

Eli Aaron has reviewed the plans and the planning consultant's report. There is no impact on the listed house. The application involves severing the property to create a new building lot on the existing tennis court.

324 Old Yonge Street

Eli Aaron followed up with Michael Seaman and Neil MacKay. Neil MacKay has no update. Eli Aaron will visit the property.

7.5.4 Ward 16 Don Valley East

123 Wynford Drive (former Japanese Canadian CC)

City Council voted to designate the property on July 19, 2023. As of August 25, no objections had been received. Anne-Marie Branch was in touch with Heritage Planning on this item. The development application appeal report is on the September 6, 2023 North York Community Council agenda. Anne-Marie Branch will draft a letter to NYCC.

770 Don Mills Road (Ontario Science Centre)

Anne-Marie Branch sent an email to councillors Jon Burnside and Josh Matlow. Sharon Mourer contacted Heritage Planning staff to determine whether the property had already been nominated for designation. Tamara Anson-Cartwright responded that Heritage Planning have been directed by Council to investigate designating the building. The Panel will draft a letter of support for designation.

789 Don Mills Road (Foresters Building)

The development application appeal report is on the September 6, 2023 North York Community Council agenda. The Panel will draft a letter to NYCC.

7.5.5 Ward 17 Don Valley North

75 Talara Drive and 1255 Sheppard Ave. East

Anne-Marie Branch to submit a 75 Talara Drive nomination to Heritage Planning on behalf of the NYCPP.

7.5.6 Ward 18 Willowdale

5800 Yonge Street (former NY Hydro)

No update.

2023-7-6 Administrative Items

7.6.1 Panel Financial Report – Future Expenditures

Anne-Marie suggested joining the heritage planning professional association (CAHP). Geoff Kettel raised the possibility of an Architectural Conservancy of Ontario membership.

Eli Aaron has submitted the Lytton Park booklet text to the North Toronto Historical Society for review. The Panel has offered to cover the cost of printing the booklet.

Geoff Kettel and Mitchell Bubulj have done walking tours of Leaside, and raised possibility of publishing tour booklets with panel funds.

7.6.2 Future Meeting Dates (2023)

Next meeting September 25.

7.6.3 Correspondence

None

2023-7-7 New Business

None

2023-7-8 Other Business

7.8.1 Events of Interest

ACO conference in September

7.8.2 Use of Google Drive

No update

2023-7-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.