

NORTH YORK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PANEL

MINUTES 2023 Report No. 10

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023

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

Present: Alex. Grenzebach (Interim Chair), Eli Aaron, Sharon Mourer

Regrets/Absent: Sam Ghose, Anne-Marie Branch, Reza Safavi, Mitchell Bubulj, Rosanna Iaboni

Guest: Geoff Kettel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Alex. Grenzebach)

2023-10-1 Approval of Agenda

Because of the lack of a quorum, the agenda could not be officially approved.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

2023-10-2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Because of the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the October 30, 2023 meeting could not be approved.

2023-10-3 Delegations and Presentations

None

2023-10-4 Area-wide items

10.4.1 Bill 23 heritage response

There was a discussion of the report dated November 15, 2023

“Implementing Bill 23 – Update on Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act” which was prepared for the November 30 Planning and Housing Committee meeting. Of particular interest was the statement that “Whether a property is removed from the Register under subsections 27(14), (15), or (16) of the Act or by other means, such properties can still be designated subject to any planning application’s “prescribed event”, as applicable.” Eli Aaron will contact Gary Miedema of Heritage Planning to seek clarification.

2023-10-5 Site-specific items and properties of interest

10.5.1 Ward 6 York Centre

Downsview Redevelopment

Alex. Grenzebach attended the November 7 CRG meeting which was held in the Centennial College aviation facility. The City of Toronto's update on the Update Downsview draft documents was presented. Advice was also sought on how to best present content at an upcoming public meeting. He will attend the December 4 meeting at the Downsview Hub.

55 Yeomans Road (Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue)

At the North York Community Council (NYCC) meeting on November 14, Eli Aaron spoke in favour of the listing of this property, but representatives of the synagogue opposed listing for various reasons. As a result, the matter was forwarded to the December 13 City Council meeting "without recommendation". A meeting with Councillor Pasternak has been arranged for December 11 and emails seeking support have been sent to the Mayor, Councillor Perks and Councillor Carroll.

10.5.2 Ward 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

43 Kimbark Blvd.

An application has been made for a building permit, but Eli Aaron is unable to access the plans. He has emailed Michael Seaman at Heritage Planning to inquire if he has seen the plans.

10.5.3 Ward 15 Don Valley West

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

Geoff Kettel reported that he is currently involved in private mediation with the applicant. Heritage Planning is also involved. The applicant is not interested in a design review and this can not be mandated by the City.

551 Mt. Pleasant Road (Regent Theatre)

Sharon Mourer reported that she will represent SEDRA (South Eglinton Davisville Ratepayers' Association) as a participant at the Ontario Land Tribunal hearing.

132 Blythwood Road

To document the disgraceful condition of this heritage house, Eli Aaron has sent pictures to Neil MacKay in Heritage Planning. Based on a visit to the property, Neil observed that it appears to be in poor condition. Eli Aaron will ask Neil MacKay about plans to remedy the situation.

141 Riverview Drive

The Committee of Adjustment will hear the application regarding severing the property on December 7, 2023. The existing house will likely remain unchanged.

98 Blythwood Road (Waddington House)

The Committee of Adjustment (CofA) hearing was on November 23 and Heritage Planning did not raise any objections to the planned changes.

48 Old Yonge Street (Tippet House)

On November 26, Eli Aaron submitted a request for inclusion of this property on the Heritage Register.

10.5.4 Ward 16 Don Valley East

123 Wynford Drive (former Japanese Canadian CC)

No report at this time.

770 Don Mills Road (Ontario Science Centre)

Sharon Mourer has not yet written a letter of support for the designation which is being pursued by Heritage Planning staff. She reported that Anne-Marie Branch is interested in writing a request for nomination.

789 Don Mills (Foresters Building)

The developer's appeal is currently at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

10.5.5 Ward 17 Don Valley North

75 Talara Drive and 1255 Sheppard Ave. East

There was discussion regarding passing a motion to approve the submission of the heritage nomination requests for both properties. Unfortunately, due to the lack of a quorum, this could not be done at this meeting.

10.5.6 Ward 18 Willowdale

5151 Yonge Street (old former NY Hydro)

No report.

2023-10-6 Administrative Items

10.6.1 Panel Financial Report – Future Expenditures

Rosanna Iaboni has requested that all 2023 expenses be submitted by December 4. Even if there could possibly be a short extension, it appears highly unlikely that Eli Aaron's Lytton Park booklet could be printed in time to be included in the Panel's 2023 budget.

10.6.2 Future Meeting Dates

There will be no December meeting. There was a consensus that Monday was the preferred day and that virtual meetings should continue for now. The next meeting will be on the fourth Monday in January which is January 22.

10.6.3 Correspondence

None

2023-10-7 New Business

Sharon Mourer reported that she has responded to Cathy Nasmith's letter regarding demolition waste and its documentation.

2023-10-8 Other Business

10.8.1 Events of Interest

"If These Walls Could Talk – Researching the History of Where You Live" is on at the Toronto Archives until August 2024. 12 Alexis Boulevard, one of our North York listed properties, is a featured site.

2023-10-9 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.