

# Weston II Heritage Conservation District Study - Community Advisory Group Meeting #1 Part 1

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Cisco Webex

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

## Meeting Summary

### Attendance

#### Project Team:

- City of Toronto Heritage Planning Unit
  - Shelby Blundell
  - Gary Miedema
  - Loryssa Quattrociocchi
- LURA Consulting
  - Susan Hall
  - Amitai Zand
  - Alexander Furneaux

#### CAG Members:

- Mary Louise Ashbourne
- Dave Bennett
- Cherri Hurst
- Jim Lisowski
- Marlene McKintosh
- Chris Menary
- Glorianne Ropchan
- Laura Sestito
- Dave Sovran

#### Guests:

- Councillor Frances Nunziata (York South-Weston)

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### Meeting Outline:

CAG members and Cllr. Nunziata began logging in to the meeting on Webex at 4:00pm.

The CAG meeting started at about 4:18pm.

Susan Hall welcomed all in attendance.

Gary Miedema gave a land acknowledgement.

Ms. Hall led a round of introductions and provided an overview of the meeting's purpose and agenda as well as the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for the Community Advisory Group.

Shelby Blundell explained background information on the Weston II Heritage Conservation District Study and outlined the study area on a map.

She explained the definition of a Heritage Conservation District (HCD), the City of Toronto's planning process for HCDs, and where the Weston II HCD Study currently lies on that process.

Ms. Blundell then provided an overview of the various value criteria that are used to evaluate the merits of declaring an area an HCD, followed by an explanation of the elements used in HCD study analysis and the definition of "integrity" in the context of heritage value. She concluded her portion of the presentation by revisiting the City's planning process for HCDs.

Loryssa Quattrociocchi briefly touched upon the architectural styles present in the Weston II HCD Study area and presented a map to show where they are found in the area and how properties of certain styles are organized and juxtaposed with other styles.

Gary Miedema briefly presented and explained a map of the various Plans of Subdivision that were registered in the study area in the second half of the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century.

Ms. Hall returned to give an overview of the topics that would be discussed at the next meeting on August 10 and for CAG members to think about in the meantime. Then she led a round of questions of clarification (summarized below), before closing the meeting with next steps for the CAG members and the questions that the project team would like them to give some thought to before the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 5:00pm.

#### Questions and Comments:

- A CAG member asked whether the heritage value criteria are taken into account in the areas adjacent to the HCD study area, not just within the area. Shelby Blundell replied affirmatively, giving examples such as the historic Carrying Place Trail along the Humber River being used to inform the Weston II HCD Study.
- A CAG member asked how diversity and equity was being taken into consideration in the Weston II HCD Study. Shelby Blundell and Susan Hall responded that diverse voices and an equity lens are absolutely important to involve and actively address, respectively, in the study.
- A CAG member asked about why the 4:00pm meeting log-in time was chosen. Amitai Zand explained that it was the most popular timeslot in the availability poll he sent out earlier to the CAG.
- A CAG member asked why a physical meeting was not yet possible. Susan Hall explained that we may be able to once Toronto advances to Stage 3 of reopening. Any in-person meeting would require the use of masks. Shelby Blundell added that the project team continues to follow the direction of the Chief Planner to hold meetings virtually. This has been in effect since March 2020.
- Councillor Nunziata informed the group that City Council is targeting to have the next Council meeting in person.
- Councillor Nunziata asked if the CAG members would receive copies of the meeting's slide deck. Amitai Zand responded affirmatively.