



**TOWN OF AURORA
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday, August 11, 2014

Time and Location: 4 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor John Abel (Chair), David Heard, John McIntyre, Bob McRoberts, and Jacqueline Stuart

Members Absent: Councillor Sandra Humfryes (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, and Patty Thoma, Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by John McIntyre

Seconded by Jacqueline Stuart

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

(a) **Sue Denniston, Applicant**

Re: Item 2 – HAC14-022 – Heritage Permit Application No. NE-HCD-HPA-14-02 for a property Designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, within the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District, 58 Catherine Avenue

Sue Denniston advised that the porch needs to be removed due to drainage problems and that she was available to answer any questions from the Committee regarding this application.

Moved by Jacqueline Stuart

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by Jacqueline Stuart

THAT Item 2 be brought forward for consideration.

CARRIED

2. **HAC14-022 – Heritage Permit Application No. NE-HCD-HPA-14-02 for a property Designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, within the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District, 58 Catherine Avenue**

Moved by John McIntyre

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

THAT report HAC14-022 be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Heritage Permit Application No. NE-HCD-HPA-14-02 be approved.

CARRIED

1. **HAC14-021 – Removal of the property located at 15186 Yonge Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

THAT report HAC14-021 be received for information.

Moved by Jacqueline Stuart

Seconded by David Heard

THAT Item 1 be tabled until Item 3 has been received for information.

CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. **HAC14-023 – Request for additional information, 15186 Yonge Street (Aurora United Church)**

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT report HAC14-023 be received for information.

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **HAC14-021 – Removal of the property located at 15186 Yonge Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Main motion

Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

THAT report HAC14-021 be received for information.

Amendment

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by David Heard

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the following clauses:

WHEREAS the Aurora United Church property has been the location of a church since 1818, Aurora's first church; and

WHEREAS the Aurora United Church property is known to be the site of a former cemetery, and as such is considered by many Aurorans as sacred land and as stated in report HAC14-023, “historical documentation gives no confirmation that all graves have been removed”; and

WHEREAS it is possible that William Tyler, conveyor of the land and prominent citizen, may still be buried on the site; and

WHEREAS Section 2.6.1 of Provincial Policy Statement 2014 states “significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Aurora United Church property remain on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

CARRIED

Main motion as amended
Moved by David Heard

Seconded by Bob McRoberts

THAT report HAC14-021 be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

WHEREAS the Aurora United Church property has been the location of a church since 1818, Aurora’s first church; and

WHEREAS the Aurora United Church property is known to be the site of a former cemetery, and as such is considered by many Aurorans as sacred land and as stated in report HAC14-023, “historical documentation gives no confirmation that all graves have been removed”; and

WHEREAS it is possible that William Tyler, conveyor of the land and prominent citizen, may still be buried on the site; and

WHEREAS Section 2.6.1 of Provincial Policy Statement 2014 states “significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Aurora United Church property remain on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

CARRIED

**4. Council Meeting Extract of July 29, 2014
Re: HAC14-07 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report, July 14, 2014**

Moved by Bob McRoberts

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT the Council Meeting Extract of July 29, 2014 regarding HAC14-07 – Heritage Advisory Committee Report, July 14, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Pending List

Moved by Jacqueline Stuart

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT the Pending List be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heard expressed concern regarding potential artefacts and possible environmental issues at the Collis Leather property on Tyler Street. Councillor Abel advised that the developer is prepared to assist in the recovery of any salvageable materials, and he indicated that a site visit could be arranged in September for Committee members.

The Director advised that Mattamy Homes would be inviting Committee members for a site visit regarding an upcoming application, for comment and feedback prior to the proposed September Heritage Advisory Committee meeting where the application will be considered.

Mr. Heard requested an update on the Pet Cemetery and the Director responded regarding the conveyance of land and required surveys for verification of plots and boundaries. The Committee also discussed future public access, securing of easements, fencing, a memorial plaque, and proposed some funding possibilities.

Mr. McRoberts indicated that both he and Mr. Heard were at the Doors Open booth at the Aurora Farmers' Market this past weekend, and that Mr. Heard would be manning the booth this coming weekend, and able to display some artefacts that may generate public interest.

The Director advised that Fairchild Television has expressed an interest in filming several sites at Doors Open and would request a DVD of the material. The Committee noted that Fairchild Television could include Mr. Heard's tour.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jacqueline Stuart

Seconded by John McIntyre

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CARRIED

THE REPORT OF THE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014 RECEIVED APPROVAL BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AND FINAL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014.