



## TOWN OF AURORA HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Monday, October 5, 2015

**Time and Location:** 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor Jeff Thom (Chair), Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Vice Chair), Barry Bridgeford, Bob McRoberts (Honorary Member), and Carol Gravelle

**Member(s) Absent:** Kathy Constable and Martin Paivio

**Other Attendees:** Councillor Tom Mrakas, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Jeff Healey, Planner, Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering, and Samantha Kong, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

### 1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

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

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner  
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

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

**CARRIED**

### 3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

**Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2015**

**Moved by Bob McRoberts**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2015, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) Paul Lapalme, Consultant representing Town of Aurora Engineering**  
**Re: Reconstruction of Catherine Avenue**

Mr. Lapalme presented an overview of the reconstruction of Catherine Avenue from Yonge Street to Walton Street, which is located in the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District. He discussed the goals of the project and reviewed the existing and proposed street conditions and configuration. Mr. Lapalme noted that the reconstruction design would harmonize with the heritage characteristics of the street and would have minimum impact on existing trees.

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner**  
**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1. HAC15-012 – Proposed Demolition of Existing Second Storey and Accessory Garage to a Listed Heritage Building, 36 Larmont Street**

Staff provided a brief overview of the subject property and advised that the applicant is proposing to replace the second storey structure, as well as replace the existing garage with one that is further set back on the property.

The Committee inquired about height restrictions, prospective use of rental property and proposed dormers. Staff indicated that the height of the second storey would comply with the Zoning By-law and that the property is zoned R5 special mixed density housing which allows a range of housing types and up to four (4) units within an existing structure. The Committee noted that the proposed second storey design appears disproportional to the existing structure and requested staff to work with the applicant to ensure the massing of the second storey and design of the reconstruction is appropriate.

**Moved by Carol Gravelle**  
**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

THAT Report No. HAC15-012 be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the demolition of the existing second storey at 36 Larmont Street be approved; and

THAT the demolition of the existing detached garage be approved; **and**

***THAT staff work with the applicant to ensure that the massing of the second storey and design of the reconstruction is appropriate; and***

***THAT the final proposed design for 36 Larmont Street be brought back to the Heritage Advisory Committee.***

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2. Memorandum from Planner**  
**Re: 89 Mosley Street, Aurora Armoury, Ontario Heritage Plaque**

Staff presented a brief overview of the Ontario Heritage Plaque located at the Aurora Armoury, which was erected in 2007 by the Department of National Defense. Staff noted that, as the Aurora Armoury was purchased by the Town in 2014, the plaque has become out-of-date. Staff stated that the Ontario Heritage Trust only replaces vandalized or destroyed plaques. Staff proposed options to replace or amend the heritage plaque.

The Committee recommended that the consideration of the restoration of the Ontario Heritage Plaque at 89 Mosley Street be placed on the Committee pending list for consideration following Council's decision regarding the future use of the Aurora Armoury.

**Moved by Barry Bridgeford**  
**Seconded by Carol Gravelle**

THAT the memorandum regarding 89 Mosley Street, Aurora Armoury, Ontario Heritage Plaque be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee consider the restoration of an Ontario Heritage Plaque located at 89 Mosley Street ***following Council's decision regarding the future use of the Aurora Armoury.***

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**3. Memorandum from Planner**  
**Re: Event Date, Doors Open Aurora 2016**

Staff proposed a date of August 20, 2016 for Doors Open Aurora 2016 and the Committee expressed support for the proposed date. The Committee inquired about the event dates of neighbouring municipalities and staff indicated that other municipalities host Doors Open events in the spring and late fall.

**Moved by Bob McRoberts**  
**Seconded by Carol Gravelle**

THAT the memorandum regarding Event Date, Doors Open Aurora 2016 be received; and

THAT Doors Open Aurora 2016 be held on August 20, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Bob McRoberts extended an invitation to other Committee members to become a part of the Property Evaluation Sub-Committee.

The Committee inquired about establishing a list of approved engineering companies with heritage preservation experience to provide opinion and feedback to applicants proposing demolition to heritage structures.

The Committee requested that the Notice of Motion provided to Council by Councillor Mrakas regarding a Design Review Panel be brought to the Committee for information should the Motion be adopted by Council.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Barry Bridgeford  
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS OTHERWISE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.