



TOWN OF AURORA HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 8, 2016

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

Committee Members: Councillor Jeff Thom (Chair), Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Vice Chair, arrived 7:02 p.m.), Barry Bridgeford, Carol Gravelle (arrived 7:05 p.m.), James Hoyes, John Kazilis, Bob McRoberts (Honorary Member), and Martin Paivio

Member(s) Absent: Kathy Constable

Other Attendees: Councillor Tom Mrakas, Councillor John Abel (arrived 8:10 p.m.), Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Jeff Healey, Planner, and Samantha Kong, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 John Kazilis
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 December 14, 2015

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by James Hoyes

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Chris Alexander, Resident**
Re: Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest – 101 Tyler Street

Mr. Alexander restated background information respecting the subject property that was discussed at the December 14, 2015 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, and provided preliminary proposed building plans with elevations for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by James Hoyes

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

- (b) **Helen Ahranis & Adam Marshall, Residents**
Re: Item 1 – HAC16-001 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 41 Metcalfe Street

Ms. Ahranis and Mr. Marshall provided background information about the subject property and noted the declining condition of the structure. They stated that their intention is to demolish the existing home and build a new home that would be suitable for the area.

Moved by Carol Gravelle
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 1.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. HAC16-001 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 41 Metcalfe Street

Staff provided a brief overview of the subject property and noted that the Evaluation Working Group found the subject property to score in Group 2, which is considered to be significant and worthy of preservation and encourages the retention of the building, as well as designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Committee expressed their concern regarding the existing front façade as it represents unique and significant heritage within the Town. It was suggested that it be preserved or replicated instead of demolished. The Committee inquired about the condition of the foundation and staff indicated that the Evaluation Working Group only considers the historical, architectural, and environmental aspects of the property.

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

THAT Report No. HAC16-001 be received; and

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the application to remove 41 Metcalfe Street from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest be refused.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Memorandum from Planner Re: Aurora Pet Cemetery

Staff provided information respecting the Aurora Pet Cemetery and noted that opportunities for this parcel may be explored, as it has been transferred to the Town. Staff invited Committee members to participate in a Town initiated inventory to document the gravestones and identify cemetery boundaries. The Committee inquired about various aspects, requested progress updates, and requested that one off-site meeting of the Committee be held at the Aurora Pet Cemetery in the spring.

Moved by Councillor Gaertner
Seconded by John Kazilis

THAT the memorandum regarding Aurora Pet Cemetery be received for information.

CARRIED

**3. Extract from Council Meeting of January 26, 2016
Re: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015**

**Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Martin Paivio**

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of January 26, 2016, regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Gaertner inquired about the Aurora Heritage Awards and the Committee suggested that it be incorporated in conjunction with other volunteer recognition events if deemed more appropriate than a separate award ceremony. Staff indicated that the Aurora Heritage Awards occurs every two years and shall be brought to the Committee at a future date.

Staff noted that members shall be selected next month for the Heritage Evaluation Working Group and reminded Committee members and Councillors to notify staff if they are interested.

Councillor Mrakas noted that the Ontario Heritage Conference will be held from May 12 to 16, 2016 in Stratford and St. Mary's.

Staff indicated that potential sites for Doors Open 2016 have been notified and encouraged Committee members to contact staff if they have new site suggestions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by James Hoyes
Seconded by Carol Gravelle**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED

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