



TOWN OF AURORA HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 7, 2016

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

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

Member(s) Absent: Kathy Constable and Martin Paivio

Other Attendees: Councillor Tom Mrakas (departed 7:27 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 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 James Hoyes

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

CARRIED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016

Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February, 8 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Helen Ahranis and Adam Marshall, Residents**
Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from Planner; Re: Additional Information to Heritage Advisory Committee Report No. 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 were present to answer questions regarding their request.

Moved by James Hoyes
Seconded by John Kazilis

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

CARRIED

- (b) **David Heard, Resident, representing Aurora Pet Cemetery National Designation Advocacy Group**
Re: Aurora Pet Cemetery Logistics/Access

Mr. Heard presented a brief overview of the Pet Cemetery and indicated that residents have expressed support to designate the cemetery and are eager to gain access to the property.

Moved by Carol Gravelle
Seconded by Bob McRoberts

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 3.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Additional Information to Heritage Advisory Committee Report No. HAC16-001 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 41 Metcalfe Street

Staff indicated that the applicant had provided additional information to General Committee on March 1, 2016, at which time General Committee referred the matter back to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the revised elevation plans and strongly encouraged the property owners to maintain, restore, or replicate the front façade (depending on the condition), in order to preserve the character and identity of the unique style of the home. The Committee suggested that, should Council choose to delist the property, the final elevation plans should be approved by Planning and Development Services to ensure the preservation of the façade.

**Moved by Bob McRoberts
Seconded by James Hoyes**

THAT the memorandum regarding Additional Information to Heritage Advisory Committee Report No. HAC16-001 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, 41 Metcalfe Street, 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

2. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Selection of New Members to the Heritage Evaluation Working Group

Staff provided a brief overview of the Heritage Evaluation Working Group and indicated that new Committee members were required to fill vacancies due to a resignation.

The Committee nominated the following three Committee members to the Heritage Evaluation Working Group: Carol Gravelle; James Hoyes; and Martin Paivio.

Moved by John Kazilis
Seconded by Wendy Gaertner

THAT the memorandum regarding Selection of New Members to the Heritage Evaluation Working Group be received; and

THAT Carol Gravelle, James Hoyes, and Martin Paivio, be appointed to the Heritage Evaluation Working Group.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. HAC16-002 – 14378 Yonge Street, Pet Cemetery, Update on Status of Future Heritage Designation

Staff provided a status update regarding the Pet Cemetery and indicated that a legal description has been obtained to set parameters for future designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. After the Pet Cemetery is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Cemetery may be considered for designation as a National Historic Site. Staff further stated that public access may be achieved within the next two years, once the surrounding developments are completed.

The Committee expressed interest regarding a visit to the site, and also suggested that sponsor programs be considered to assist with future maintenance fees.

Moved by Wendy Gaertner
Seconded by James Hoyes

THAT Report No. HAC16-002 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by James Hoyes
Seconded by Bob McRoberts**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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