



## **Town of Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, September 12, 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 (arrived 7:25 p.m.), James Hoyes, John Kazilis, and Bob McRoberts (Honorary Member, arrived 7:38 p.m.)

**Member(s) Absent:** Martin Paivio

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

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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 James Hoyes**  
**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following additions, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Tom Boddy, Resident  
Re: Item 1 – HAC16-009 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage value of Interest, 68 Temperance Street
- Delegation (b) Susan Morton-Leonard, Resident  
Re: Item 4 – Memorandum from Planner, Re: Additional Information  
Re: Conservation and Watering Practices for Established “Heritage” Trees  
**Carried as amended**

### **3. Receipt of the Minutes**

#### **Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016**

**Moved by John Kazilis**  
**Seconded by James Hoyes**

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 11, 2016, be received for information.

**Carried**

### **4. Delegations**

- (a) **Tom Boddy, Resident**  
**Re: Item 1 – HAC16-009 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage value of Interest 68 Temperance Street**

Mr. Boddy provided a brief overview of the subject property and indicated that it was rebuilt in 1948. He requested the property be removed from the Register.

**Moved by John Kazilis**  
**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

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

**Carried**

- (b) **Susan Morton-Leonard, Resident**  
**Re: Item 4 – Memorandum from Planner, Re: Additional Information**  
**Re: Conservation and Watering Practices for Established**  
**“Heritage” Trees**

Ms. Morton-Leonard stated that the trees on her property are over 150 years old and expressed her delight in protecting natural heritage. She indicated that the trees required more water this season as the drought conditions and the Diplodia virus adversely affected the trees. She noted that other municipalities provide relief to property owners with designated trees and was hoping that the Committee would consider recommending relief.

**Moved by Councillor Wendy Gaertner**  
**Seconded by James Hoyes**

THAT the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 4.

**Carried**

## **5. Matters for Consideration**

1. **HAC16-009 – Request to Remove a Property from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**  
**68 Temperance Street**

Staff provided a brief overview of the property and indicated that the structure was likely constructed in the 1940's. Staff stated that the owner currently has no plans to demolish the structure but has requested for it to be removed from the Register.

**Moved by Carol Gravelle**  
**Seconded by John Kazilis**

1. That Report No. HAC16-009 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - a) That the property located at 68 Temperance Street **be removed** from the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and

- b) That future building elevations are subject to approval of Planning Staff to ensure the proposed new dwelling will maintain the heritage character of the area.

**Carried as amended**

**2. HAC16-010 – Heritage Permit Application, 40 Maple Street, File Number: NE-HCD-HPA-16-06**

Staff provided an overview of the property and accessory structure, and the Committee expressed some concern about the pitch of the roof, however supported the request.

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

1. That Report No. HAC16-010 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - a) That the demolition of the existing detached garage be approved; and
  - b) That Heritage Permit Application NE-HCD-HPA-16-06 be approved to permit the construction of a 45m<sup>2</sup> accessory structure; and
  - c) That the dormer on the front elevation of the garage be removed from the proposed design.

**Carried**

**6. Informational Items**

**3. HAC16-012 –Doors Open Aurora 2016 – Event Summary Report**

Staff indicated that the event was well attended and there was a lot of interest around the walking tours, Town Park and the surrounding sites. The Committee expressed appreciation to all those involved and suggested that staff consider engaging on social media channels in real-time, and look into providing various types of accessible tours in future years.

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

1. That Report No. HAC16-012 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee extend a thank you to the following individuals and groups for their support of Doors Open Aurora 2016:
  - a. All site owners/operators; and
  - b. All volunteers and site staff; and
  - c. The Auroran newspaper; and
  - d. The Mayor, Members of Council, and supporting Town staff.

**Carried**

**4. Memorandum from Planner**

**Re: Additional Information Re: Conservation and Watering Practices for Established "Heritage" Trees**

The Committee expressed sympathy to property owners with designated property that included heritage trees. The Committee indicated that it would be difficult to determine a system to score natural heritage if the Town were to consider financial relief.

**Moved by Councillor Gaertner  
Seconded John Kazilis**

1. That the memorandum regarding Additional Information Re: Conservation and Watering Practices for Established "Heritage" Trees be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends to Council:
  - (a) That owners of properties with designated heritage trees, within their optimal life span, are charged a reduced water rate from May to October.

**Defeated**

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

1. That the memorandum regarding Additional Information Re: Conservation and Watering Practices for Established “Heritage” Trees be received for information.

**Carried**

5. **Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016**  
**Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Mrakas**  
**Re: Cultural Heritage Landscapes Inventory**

**Moved by John Kazilis**  
**Seconded Carol Gravelle**

1. That the memorandum regarding Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Mrakas, Re: Cultural Heritage Landscapes Inventory be received for information.

**Carried**

6. **Extract from Council Meeting of August 9, 2016**  
**Re: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016**

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

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of August 9, 2016, regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 11, 2016, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **7. New Business**

The Committee inquired about the status on issuing a penalty to the owners who did not comply with Council’s direction on demolishing 45 Mosley Street. Staff indicated that the Town Solicitor is preparing a report for Council’s consideration.

The Committee inquired if 220 Old Yonge Street received designation. Staff indicated that a Designation By-law will proceed to Council in early October.

The Committee inquired about providing feedback with respect to the proposed Cultural Precinct. Staff stated that public consultations are scheduled for September and a presentation will be provided to the Committee for discussion at its next regular meeting on October 17, 2016.

## **8. Adjournment**

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

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**Carried**

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless otherwise adopted by Council at a later meeting.