



Town of Aurora  
Heritage Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, May 14, 2018

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

**Committee Members:** Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair), Councillor Jeff Thom (Vice Chair), Bob McRoberts (Honorary Member), Neil Asselin, Barry Bridgeford, John Kazilis, Martin Paivio, and Ken Turriff

**Members Absent:** James Hoyes

**Other Attendees:** Councillor Tom Mrakas, Councillor Michael Thompson, Marco Ramunno, Director of Planning and Development Services, Jeff Healey, Planner/Heritage Planning, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Ken Turriff**  
**Seconded by Councillor Thom**

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

- Delegation (a) Bob Murphy and Gavin Bailey, representing Aurora United Church and Southbound Developments; Re: Item 1 – HAC18-009 – Aurora United Church – Site Plan Review, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55 ad 57 Temperance Street
- Delegation (b) William Albino, Resident; Re: Item 2 – HAC18-008 – Yonge Street Building Evaluations

**On a two-thirds vote the motion  
Carried as amended**

## **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Bob McRoberts declared a potential pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50* respecting Item 1 – HAC18-009 – Aurora United Church – Site Plan Review, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55 and 57 Temperance Street, as he is a financial supporter and member of the Aurora United Church. Mr. McRoberts did not participate in the discussion or voting of this item.

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

**Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018**

**Moved by Neil Asselin**

**Seconded by Bob McRoberts**

That the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2018, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **4. Delegations**

**(a) Bob Murphy and Gavin Bailey, representing Aurora United Church and Southbound Developments**

**Re: Item 1 – HAC18-009 – Aurora United Church – Site Plan Review, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55 and 57 Temperance Street**

Mr. Murphy, Architect, and Mr. Bailey, of Fotenn Consultants Inc., provided an overview of the efforts to adapt the streetscape along Temperance and Tyler Streets to bring the development more in line with the residential scale and character of the neighbourhood, the incorporation of artefacts retrieved from the heritage houses, and discussions with the ratepayers association.

**Moved by Martin Paivio**

**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

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

**Carried**

**(b) William Albino, Resident**

**Re: Item 2 – HAC18-008 – Yonge Street Building Evaluations**

Mr. Albino expressed concerns regarding the Town's ability to provide heritage protection, emphasizing the need to protect the downtown heritage block, and encouraged the Heritage Advisory Committee to provide strong support in the protection of heritage properties.

**Moved by Councillor Thom**

**Seconded by Ken Turriff**

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 2.

**Carried**

**5. Matters for Consideration**

**1. HAC18-009 – Aurora United Church – Site Plan Review, 15186 Yonge Street, 12 and 16 Tyler Street, 55 and 57 Temperance Street**

Staff provided a brief overview of the report and changes to the proposal. The Committee expressed concern regarding the blank wall on the north elevation, and staff provided clarification on window placement as directed by the Building Code. The Committee expressed further concern regarding the three large, square expanses of white surface area on the wall, and suggested alternatives. Staff agreed to address the Committee's comments with the architect.

**Moved by Neil Asselin**

**Seconded by Martin Paivio**

1. That Report No. HAC18-009 be received; and
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the use of stucco be avoided and that the large white surface areas be addressed.

**Carried**

## 6. Informational Items

### 2. HAC18-008 – Yonge Street Building Evaluations

The Committee consented to consider Item 2 prior to consideration of Item 1.

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the report. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the objective evaluations, designation process, public notice, and timelines.

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

1. That Report No. HAC18-008 be received; **and**
2. **That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:**
  - (a) **That the following properties be designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*:**
    - (i) **15243B Yonge Street; "Whimster's Store";**
    - (ii) **15243A Yonge Street; "Mulock Block";**
    - (iii) **15242 Yonge Street; "The Lloyd Building";**
    - (iv) **15240 Yonge Street; "The Ashton Building";**
    - (v) **15233 Yonge Street; "Medical Hall";**
    - (vi) **15229 Yonge Street; "The Willis Building";**
    - (vii) **15225 Yonge Street; "Winter's Bakery";**
    - (viii) **15222, 15224 and 15226 Yonge Street; "The Faughner Building";**
    - (ix) **15221 Yonge Street; "Sterling Bank";**
    - (x) **15218-15220 Yonge Street; "The Clift Building";**
    - (xi) **15216 Yonge Street; "The Odd Fellows Block";**
    - (xii) **15210 Yonge Street; "The Andrews Block";**
    - (xiii) **15203 Yonge Street; "The Butcher Building";**
    - (xiv) **15199 Yonge Street; "The Grimshaw Bakery"; and**
    - (xv) **15195 Yonge Street.**

**Carried as amended**

**3. Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning  
Re: 32 Wellington Street East**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum and alterations occurring on the property. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the reconstruction and drawings, and the Committee expressed further concern regarding the builder's continued noncompliance with the approved building permit drawings. The Committee inquired about the approval and oversight process, and staff provided clarification, noting that the guidelines will be included on a future Committee agenda.

**Moved by Ken Turriff**

**Seconded by Neil Asselin**

1. That the memorandum regarding 32 Wellington Street East be received;  
**and**

2. **That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:**

**(a) That this item be referred to the Town's Legal staff for affirmation that the builder has not complied with Council's approval related to the development at 32 Wellington Street East, and to provide options for next steps.**

**Carried as amended**

**4. Memorandum from Senior Policy Planner  
Re: Library Square Design**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum. The Committee inquired about the new community facility and emergency vehicle access, and staff provided clarification.

**Moved by Bob McRoberts**

**Seconded by Martin Paivio**

1. That the memorandum regarding Library Square Design be received for information.

**Carried**

**5. Memorandum from Planner/Heritage Planning  
Re: Doors Open Aurora 2018 Update**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum. The Committee inquired about the policy respecting the inclusion of properties that operate as a business, and staff provided clarification.

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

1. That the memorandum regarding Doors Open Aurora 2018 Update be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Extract from Council Meeting of April 10, 2018  
Re: Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018  
and Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-04**

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

1. That the Extract from Council meeting of April 10, 2018, regarding the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018, and Summary of Committee Recommendations Report No. 2018-04, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7. New Business**

Staff provided an update regarding Monk's Walk.

Staff provided an update regarding the railway station, railway hotel, and Metrolinx expansion project, noting that the railway station holds a Part III (i) designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and has been identified as a provincially significant property. The Committee inquired about the railway hotel and Baldwin's property, and staff provided background and confirmed that they are both listed heritage properties. The Committee expressed a desire to begin the designation and evaluation process for the properties. It was noted that an update from Metrolinx would soon be provided to the Town.

**New Business Motion No. 1**

**Moved by Bob McRoberts  
Seconded by Neil Asselin**

1. That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the Evaluation Working Group provide an objective evaluation on each of the following properties:
    - (i) 136 Wellington Street East; "Railroad Hotel"; and
    - (ii) 124 Wellington Street East; "Baldwin's Restaurant"; and
  - (b) That the objective evaluations be submitted to the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of July 9, 2018, for further review.

**Carried**

Staff advised that locations would need to be identified for installation of road-side signage indicating entrances to any heritage conservation district in Town, and the matter will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at a future meeting.

The Committee noted that the Prince of Wales award plaque located at the front of Town Hall needs to be refreshed, and staff agreed to follow up with Operations staff.

The Committee observed that the commemorative plaque has been placed directly on the light armoured vehicle (LAV) located at the Aurora Cenotaph site, noting that signage is not usually attached directly to an artefact.

The Committee noted that the plaque at the former Aurora Armoury location requires updating and a number of other plaques in Town need to be repaired or refreshed. Staff agreed to follow up on the matter.

Staff announced that Jeff Healey, Planner/Heritage Planning, will be leaving Aurora on May 25 as he has accepted a position as Senior Planner with the Town of Richmond Hill. Mr. Healey expressed his appreciation of working with the Committee members and for their efforts, and the Committee congratulated Mr. Healey on his new position.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Moved by John Kazilis**

**Seconded by Barry Bridgeford**

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

**Carried**

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council.