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**Town of Aurora  
Additional Items to  
Heritage Advisory Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

Monday, June 3, 2019  
7:00 p.m., Holland Room

- **Item 4 – Memorandum from Director of Community Services  
Re: Library Square Design**

Presentation to be provided by Roland Rom Colthoff, RAW Design and Philip Evans, ERA Architects



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**Town of Aurora  
Community Services**

## **Memorandum**

**Date:** June 3, 2019  
**To:** Heritage Advisory Committee  
**From:** Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services  
**Re:** **Library Square Design**

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### **Recommendation**

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

### **Background**

On March 5, 2019 the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) approved the Heritage Permit Application for the 22 Church Street School in relation to the Library Square project. Formally, the Committee passed the following:

- (a) That Heritage Permit Application HPA-19-03 be approved to permit the addition to the subject property as shown on the submitted plans; and
- (b) That the property owner photo document any original construction revealed during the proposed addition to the property; and
- (c) That Planning staff continue to liaise with the Ontario Heritage Trust and ensure the addition remains sympathetic of the heritage resource through all phases of the development.

The committee report provided by Adam Robb, Planner, included a comprehensive review from ERA Architects (specialists in Heritage architecture) along with comments from the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) demonstrating support for the request and the project. The Heritage Impact Assessment outlined that there will be minimal to no impact on the character-defining elements of the heritage resource, through the sympathetic placement, massing and materiality of the addition. Furthermore, the

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Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT), who has a Heritage Conservation Easement over the property, has also provided their initial support for the project and design.

During the committee meeting, consultants from RAW Design Inc. and ERA Architects provided a presentation summarizing the highlights of the ERA report. In addition, the consultants provided responses to committee member's inquiries.

HAC comments for consideration:

- Expressed concerns and suggestions regarding the roofline height and style, external patina and massing of the building veil, building depth and stability, water table, visual impact of all four sides, shadowing, and design of addition more sympathetic to the existing building.

On March 19, 2019 staff presented a report to Council incorporating HAC's comments and the Heritage Impact Assessment. As a result, Council approved the Heritage Permit Application.

On March 21, 2019 staff presented a number of reports to Council at a Special Council meeting covering a number of topics for the Library Square project:

- Planning Policy Conformity Report
- Addition to Church Street School
- Outdoor Square
- Parking Strategy
- Proposed Operating Strategy
- Financial Strategy

Following discussion, Council approved to move forward with the next phase of the project which is the Detailed Design stage.

At this time, the consultants have furthered the designs and will be presenting updated content regarding the coloured elevations, depicting a revised roof line for the Cultural Centre Addition, building material properties, and shadow studies. In addition, ERA will be providing commentary on the building massing and alterations to the School House interior to serve Code/Life-Safety requirements.

Council will be considering the next steps of the Library Square project on July 16, 2019.