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Town of Aurora
Information Report
No. PDS20-052

Subject: Suspension of Heritage Permit Application HPA-2019-07 –
15032 Yonge Street (Reuben J. Kennedy House)

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Department: Planning and Development Services

Date: September 8, 2020

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request that this Information Report be placed on an upcoming General Committee or Council meeting agenda for discussion.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Mayor's decision to suspend the review period of Heritage Permit Application HPA-2019-07 for 15032 Yonge Street in accordance with Delegation By-law 6212-19, as amended.

- The Mayor, in consultation with the CAO, suspended the review period for Heritage Permit Application HPA-2019-07 until December 31, 2020.

Background

In November 2019, the Town received a Heritage Permit application to remove ten window shutters from the Reuben J. Kennedy House located at 15032 Yonge Street. The Ontario Heritage Act requires Council to make a decision on a Heritage Permit application within 90 days after the notice of receipt is served on the applicant, otherwise Council shall be deemed to have consented to the application.

The initial 90 day deadline for this application was February 27, 2020. On February 25, 2020, Council extended the review period of the application until August 15, 2020 to provide the applicant additional time to work with a Heritage Restoration Consultant to assess the condition of the shutters. Since then, the applicant has advised the Town that the majority of restoration consultants are currently not available due to pandemic and thus, the applicant is not be able to complete the assessment before the August 15 deadline approved by Council.

Analysis

The Mayor, in consultation with CAO, suspended the review period for Heritage Permit Application HPA-2019-07 until December 31, 2020.

On August 10, 2020, the Mayor, in consultation with the CAO, suspended the review period for Heritage Permit Application HPA-2019-07 until December 31, 2020 in accordance with Delegation By-law 6212-19, as amended. This matter falls within the Mayor's delegated authority as it relates to suspending time period, deadlines, date and time restriction of a Town approved program during a state of emergency. The new deadline enables the applicant to complete the assessment and for staff to report to the Heritage Advisory Committee on November 2, 2020.

Delegation By-law 6212-19, as amended, requires Council be advised of the Mayor's decision as soon as practicable, and thus, this report is being presented to Council for information purposes.

Advisory Committee Review

N/A

Legal Considerations

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Town declared a state of emergency. The Mayor, in consultation with the CAO, has certain delegated authority during a state of emergency, including the authority to suspend time periods, deadline date and time restrictions.

Financial Implications

N/A

Communications Considerations

N/A

Link to Strategic Plan

The conservation of heritage resources supports the Strategic Plan goal of Supporting an Exceptional Quality of Life for All through its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in objective Celebrating and Promoting our Culture.

Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

None.

Conclusions

The suspension of the application provides the applicant additional time to assess the condition of the shutters and explore repair options. In the event that the shutters are irreparable, staff will work with the applicant to replace them in accordance with the requirements set out in Town's Heritage Property Standard By-Law. A recommendation report will be brought to Council for consideration following the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of November 2, 2020.

Attachments

None.

Previous Reports

General Committee Report PDS20-016 dated February 25, 2020

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team review on August 20, 2020

Approvals

Approved by David Waters, Director, Planning and Development Services

Approved by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer