Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

December 11, 2019, 6:15 PM
Canada Room

Members	Graham Dewar, Chair	Councillor Keith Irish
	Ken Davis	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Doug Denby	David Nesbitt
	Evelin Ellison	Jennifer Peter-Morales
	Anthony Farr	Paul Tiefenbach
	Shan Goel	
Regrets	Maria Cerone	Councillor Karen Rea
Staff	George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner	Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner
	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning	Victoria Hamilton, Committee Secretary (PT)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Graham Dewar, Chair, convened the meeting at 6:28 PM by asking for any disclosures of interest with respect to items on the agenda.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

- Commemorative Plaque, Thornhill Community Cemetery

Recommendation:

That the December 11, 2019 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, addressed the Committee and noted that under Item 4 - Financial Matters, 2020 Heritage Markham Budget - the Recommendation amount would be corrected to $10,420. He advised that this figure was the total of the line items reviewed by the Committee and was the amount forwarded to the Director of Planning and Urban Design.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on November 13, 2019 be received and adopted, as amended.

Carried

4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS

5. PART THREE - CONSENT

5.1 DEATH OF FORMER HERITAGE MARKHAM MEMBER (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the memo. He advised that Staff would send a sentiment of condolence to the family of G. Wojna on behalf of the Heritage Markham Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Heritage Markham Committee extends its condolences to the family of Gwyn Wojna recognizing her past accomplishments in assisting in the protection and preservation of Markham's cultural heritage resources, especially her work in historic Thornhill.

Carried

5.2 HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

38 EUREKA STREET, UNIONVILLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DELEGATED APPROVALS: HERITAGE PERMITS (16.11)
FILE NUMBER: HE 19 141023
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on the heritage permit approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.3 TREE REMOVAL APPLICATIONS

38 PETER STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD
107 MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE HCD
DELEGATED APPROVALS: TREE REMOVAL PERMITS (16.11)
FILE NUMBERS:
• 19 137820 TREE
• 19 138787 TREE
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on the tree removal permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.4 BUILDING AND SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

20 WATER STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD
190 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD
DELEGATED APPROVALS: BUILDING AND SIGN PERMITS (16.11)
FILE NUMBERS:
• 19 136024 AL
• 19 136866 SP
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on building and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

Carried

5.5 THORNHILL IDENTIFICATION MARKERS (16.11)

Extracts:
R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
D. Plant, Senior Manager of Parks, Horticulture and Forestry

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee has no objection to the installation of the Thornhill identification markers at the specified intersections on Yonge Street within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.

Carried

5.6 CORRESPONDENCE (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

That the following correspondence be received as information:

a. Markham Historical Society: Remember Markham Newsletter, Winter, 2019 and letter from Sue Smitko, President of MHS. (Staff has fully copy)

b. Community Heritage Ontario: CHO News, Fall, 2019. (Sent to Members via email)

c. Ontario Historical Society: OHS Bulletin Newsletter, October 2019. (Staff has full copy)

Carried

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

6031 HIGHWAY 7, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD (16.11)
FILE NUMBER: 19 138374 AL
Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
M. Ryan, Facility Engineer

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner, addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the memo.

A Committee member commented that safety regulations have changed significantly since the building was built, and it was sensible to have the safety equipment installed.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed safety equipment for the exterior of the Markham Village Library on the condition that the metal ladders be painted in an earth tone colour to better blend with the colours of the existing materials on the building.

Carried

6.2 DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAM 2020-2022 (16.11)

Extracts:
R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the memo. He noted that the funds were available and that the program had encouraged restoration work to be performed on heritage properties.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee supports the continuation of the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program from 2020-2022 based on an allocation of $30,000 per year for a total commitment of $90,000.

Carried

6.3 SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION

269 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD
PROPOSED THREE DWELLING UNIT RESIDENCE (16.11)
FILE NUMBER: SPC 19 136761
Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, addressed the Committee and summarized the details outlined in the memo.

In response to a query regarding the size of the windows on the addition, P. Wokral stated that the focus was on the division of panes rather than the size of the windows.

There was discussion regarding the existing trees. P. Wokral advised that they would be preserved, and that additional trees would be planted.

In response to a Committee member's inquiry, P. Wokral advised that a rezoning application had been approved and that there was no heritage easement agreement in place.

The Committee recommended that the Applicant enter into a heritage conservation easement agreement.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the form, massing, height, scale and materials of the proposed addition, subject to the following revisions to the proposed elevations:
• That the windows of the proposed addition be revised to 6 over 1 single or double hung windows to more accurately reflect the early 20th design of the existing house;
• That the existing windows of the heritage portion of the house found on the west façade be replaced with new wooden windows typical of the early 20th century construction date of the existing house, to the satisfaction of Heritage Section staff;
• That the modern cladding installed on the beam of the front veranda be removed to expose the underlying wood, and the small corbels seen in the archival photo that were removed, replicated and reinstalled to the satisfaction of Heritage Section staff;
• And that the vinyl siding of the dormers be replaced with painted wooden shingles; and,

That Heritage Section staff be delegated final review of the Site Plan Control application for 269 Main Street North, provided there are no significant deviations from the drawings dated September 10, 2019; and,

That the Applicant enter into a heritage conservation easement agreement with the City; and further,

That the applicant enter into a site plan control application with the City containing the standard conditions regarding materials, windows, colours etc.

Carried

6.4 INFORMATION

MARKHAM REMEMBERED PLAQUE TOUR ON CITY OF MARKHAM WEBSITE (16.11)

Extracts:
R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
R. Tadmore, Coordinator, Geomatics/GIS Advocate

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner, summarized the details outlined in the memo and noted that the tour was posted approximately one month ago.

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning, guided the Committee through the City of Markham website to the location of the virtual tour.

In response to an inquiry from the Committee, R. Hutcheson stated that the pictures of the plaques were in colour, however, the historical photos themselves were primarily black and white.

There was discussion regarding how plaques were secured, and Staff noted that it was primarily through development applications.

The Committee discussed the appropriateness of installing interpretive plaques on properties that have received grant funding to assist with restoration projects. Staff advised that currently the requirement was for the grant funds to be spent on restoration.

Staff noted that there were some areas in Markham where community partners participated in funding the plaques.

Councillor McAlpine commented on the range of programs available that implemented plaque installations.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive this item as information and thank Robert Tadmore of the Geomatics Section of Markham's Planning and Urban Design Department for creating the on-line tour of Markham Remembered plaques, including the work to photograph the plaques as installed.

Carried

7. PART FIVE - STUDIES/PROJECTS AFFECTING HERITAGE RESOURCES - UPDATES

Unionville Heritage Conservation District Plan Amendments/ Update

In response to Councillor McAlpine's inquiry, Staff provided an update on the current status.

Unionville Core Area Streetscape Master Plan (2019)

A Committee member inquired when this matter would be brought back to the committee. Staff advised that a number of consultations were carried out following the community meeting, and that the next step would be to bring it before the Unionville Subcommittee in early 2020 for review and comment.

8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS

8.1 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CEMETERY (16.11)

E. Ellison proposed to have a plaque installed at the North East corner of the cemetery to commemorate the burial site of the Langstaff Jail Farm prisoners, using funds from the Heritage Markham 2020 budget.

Staff noted that the 2020 funding for two plaques was previously designated by the Heritage Markham Committee to be used to commemorate industrial sites.

Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of the 2020 interpretive plaque budget.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee supports the production of an interpretive plaque to commemorate the Langstaff Jail Farm prisoner burial location at the Thornhill Cemetery using funding from the Heritage Markham 2020 interpretive plaque budget.

Carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.