



# Revised Development Services Committee Meeting Agenda

*Revised items are indicated by an asterisk (\*)*

**Meeting No. 8 | April 2, 2024 | 9:30 AM | Live streamed**

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## **Information Page**

**Development Services Committee Members:** All Members of Council

**Planning - Development and Policy Matters**

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

(Development Services Committee Public Statutory Meetings - Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li)

**Engineering - Transportation & Infrastructure Matters**

Chair: Councillor Karen Rea

Vice Chair: Councillor Reid McAlpine

**Culture & Economic Development Matters**

Chair: Regional Councillor Alan Ho

Vice Chair: Councillor Amanda Collucci

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**Consent Items:** All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine and are recommended for approval by the department. They may be enacted on one motion, or any item may be discussed if a member so requests.

**Please Note:** The times listed on this agenda are approximate and may vary; Council may, at its discretion, alter the order of the agenda items.

**Development Services Committee is scheduled to recess for lunch from  
approximately 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

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# Development Services Committee Meeting

## Revised Agenda

Revised items are identified by an asterisk (\*)

Meeting Number: 8  
April 2, 2024, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Live streamed

Please bring this Development Services Committee Agenda to the Council meeting on April 3, 2024.

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Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples and their commitment to stewardship of the land. We acknowledge the communities in circle. The North, West, South and Eastern directions, and Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Anishnabeg, Seneca, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit peoples. We share the responsibility with the caretakers of this land to ensure the dish is never empty and to restore relationships that are based on peace, friendship, and trust. We are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3.1 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - MARCH 5, 2024**  
**(10.0)**

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1. That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held on March 5, 2024, be confirmed.

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **PETITIONS**

7. **CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS**

**\*7.1 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20 AND MARCH 13, 2024 (16.11)** 13

1. That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meetings held February 20 and March 13, 2024 be received for information purposes.

**7.2 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, REMOVAL OF LISTED PROPERTIES FROM REGISTER (16.11)** 37

R. Hutcheson, ext. 2080

1. That the staff report, dated April 2, 2024, titled "Recommendation Report, Proposed Amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Removal of Listed Properties from Register", be received; and,
2. That as per the Heritage Markham Committee recommendation attached as Appendix 'A' to this report, the Mayor or City Clerk be authorized to send this report and a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with copies to Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the deadline involving the removal of listed properties from a municipal heritage register for an additional five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and further,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**7.3 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE, GROUP OF SEVEN THORNHILL HERITAGE PLAQUE RECOGNITION PROJECT (16.11)** 42

R. Hutcheson, ext. 2080

1. That the staff report, dated April 2, 2024, titled, "Recommendation Report, Request for Funding Assistance, Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project", be received; and,
2. That the concept of the Thornhill Historical Society's Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project is supported and that the City provide financial assistance for each plaque consistent with funding provided through the City's 'Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts' program at a total cost of \$700.00; and,
3. That the funding be provided from the Heritage Preservation Account (087 2800 115); and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give

effect to this resolution.

## 8. REGULAR REPORTS - CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

### \*8.1 MARKHAM CENTRE AUTOMOBILITY DEMONSTRATION ZONE MICROMOBILITY PILOT (10.0)

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C. Rickett, ext. 4871

**Note: Report is now attached.**

1. That the report entitled “Markham Centre Automobility Demonstration Zone Micro-Mobility Pilot” be received; and,
2. That the City opt into participating in O.Reg 389/19 - Pilot Project - Electric Kick-Scooters; and,
3. That City Staff be directed to deliver a micro-mobility pilot in Markham Centre Demonstration Zone, with the boundaries being Highway 7 to the north, Highway 407 to the south, Warden Avenue in the west, and Kennedy Road in the east, to assess the uptake and impact of the use of micro-mobility solutions in the City and report back to Council in Q2 2025 with details of the pilot; and,
4. That City Staff be authorized to enter into an agreement to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Director of Operations with Scooty Mobility Incorporated to undertake a micro-mobility pilot in Markham Centre; and,
5. That City Staff be directed to bring forward all necessary by-laws and by-law amendments to permit and regulate the use of e-scooters in the Markham Centre Demonstration Zone, in accordance with the Provincial Pilot (ON Reg. 389/19); and further,
6. That City Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

## 9. MOTIONS

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

## 11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

*As per Section 2 of the Council Procedural By-Law, "New/Other Business would generally apply to an item that is to be added to the **Agenda** due to an urgent statutory time requirement, or an emergency, or time sensitivity".*

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 13. ADJOURNMENT



## Development Services Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Number: 6**  
**March 5, 2024, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Live streamed**

Roll Call	<p>Mayor Frank Scarpitti</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Michael Chan</p> <p>Regional Councillor Jim Jones</p> <p>Regional Councillor Joe Li</p> <p>Regional Councillor Alan Ho</p> <p>Councillor Keith Irish</p> <p>Councillor Ritch Lau</p>	<p>Councillor Reid McAlpine</p> <p>Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p>Councillor Andrew Keyes</p> <p>Councillor Amanda Collucci</p> <p>Councillor Juanita Nathan</p> <p>Councillor Isa Lee</p>
Staff	<p>Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer</p> <p>Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services</p> <p>Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services</p> <p>Morgan Jones, Commissioner, Community Services</p> <p>Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources</p> <p>Joseph Silva, Treasurer</p> <p>Bryan Frois, Manager of Executive Operations &amp; Strategic Initiatives</p> <p>Maggie Cheung-Madar, Assistant City Solicitor</p> <p>Giulio Cescato, Director of Planning &amp; Urban Design</p> <p>Darryl Lyons, Deputy Director, Planning &amp; Urban Design</p>	<p>Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering</p> <p>Stephanie DiPerna, Director, Building Standards</p> <p>Stephen Lue, Senior Manager, Development</p> <p>Hailey Miller, Planner I, West District</p> <p>Evan Manning, Senior Planner, Heritage</p> <p>Deanna Schlosser, Senior Planner</p> <p>Carlson Tsang, Senior Planner, Development</p> <p>Erica Alligood, Election / Committee Coordinator</p> <p>Rajeeth Arulanantham, Assistant to Council / Committee</p>

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Development Services Committee was called to order at 9:35 AM with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

**INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****3.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 6, 2024 (10.0)**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Committee meeting held on February 6, 2024, be confirmed.

**Carried**

**3.2 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 12, 2024 (10.0)**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Isa Lee

1. That the minutes of the Special Development Services Committee meeting held on February 12, 2024 be confirmed.

**Carried**

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

Frederick Woo, delivered a deputation on Confidential Item 13.1.2, noting that he understands that this proposal is in line with Provincial priorities and the City's goal to build more homes faster but expressed concerns with certain infrastructure aspects such as hospitals, schools, senior care facilities, and transportation infrastructure. Mr. Woo expressed that Staff should review this proposal with regard for other proposals in the area to understand the full density proposed from Markville to the Bayview area to ensure that infrastructure is developed in line with anticipated development and density.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

1. That the deputation by Frederick Woo on Item 13.1.2 be received.

**Carried**

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5.1 COMMUNICATIONS - OLT APPEAL BY HILTON MARKHAM SUITES HOTEL LIMITED, APPEAL OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS (WARD 8) (10.3, 10.5)**

**Note: Please refer to confidential item 13.1.2.**

1. That the communications submitted by Frederick Woo and Lezlie Phillips regarding the above subject matter be received.

### **5.2 COMMUNICATIONS - RECOMMENDATION REPORT, THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK AT 14TH AVENUE AND DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AND SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT A FOUR AND SIX-STOREY AFFORDABLE RENTAL BUILDING**

**AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 14TH AVENUE AND DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY, (WARD 7) FILE PLAN 21 120261 AND SPC 22 109682 (10.3, 10.5)**

**Note: Refer to Item 8.1 for the Staff Report.**

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the written submissions from Yang Meng and She Love received on March 4, 2024, be received.



**Carried**

**5.3 COMMUNICATION - RECOMMENDATION REPORT, HNT INC. AT 8310 WOODBINE AVENUE, APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY HNT INC. TO PERMIT A MULTI-UNIT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 8310 WOODBINE AVENUE (WARD 8), FILE NO. PLAN 22 258667 (10.5)**

**Note: Refer to Item 8.2 for the Staff Report.**

**6. PETITIONS**

There were no petitions.

**7. CONSENT REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS**

**7.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 23 AND JANUARY 30, 2024 (10.0)**

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the minutes of the Development Services Public Meeting held January 23 and January 30, 2024, be confirmed.

**Carried**

**7.2 VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2024 (16.0)**

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the minutes of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting held January 15, 2024, be received for information purposes.

**Carried**

**7.3 MEMORANDUM, COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR PARKLAND DEDICATION EXEMPTION: 11 AND 15 GRANDVIEW BOULEVARD (CSNT 20 127548, B/016/20, B/010/21) (6.3)**

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

1. That the memorandum titled, “Council Approval for Parkland Dedication Exemption: 11 and 15 Grandview Boulevard (CSNT 20 127548, B/016/20, B/010/21)”, be received; and,
2. That the Commissioner of Development Services or the Director of Planning and Urban Design be authorized to exempt parkland obligation for the existing lots and only collect parkland obligation for the newly created lot for the application identified in this memo; and,
3. That the Parkland Dedication By-law be amended to authorize the Commissioner of Development Services or the Director of Planning and Urban Design to consider and approve any future requests for exemption of parkland dedication obligations based on criteria arising from similar contexts and elements as the subject application; and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**Carried**

## **8. REGULAR REPORTS - DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS**

### **8.1 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK AT 14TH AVENUE AND DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY, OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AND SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT A FOUR AND SIX-STOREY AFFORDABLE RENTAL BUILDING**

**AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 14TH AVENUE AND DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY, (WARD 7) FILE PLAN 21 120261 AND SPC 22 109682 (10.3, 10.5)**

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, introduced this item advising that it is related to an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Site Plan Control applications to permit an affordable rental building at 14th Avenue and Donald Cousens Parkway. Commissioner Prasad advised that Staff are supportive of the proposal as it would make efficient use of otherwise unused space and contribute to the City's affordable housing supply. Commissioner Prasad introduced Sabrina Greggain of York Region to introduce the York Region and consultant team.

Sabrina Greggain, Program Manager, York Region, Affordable Housing Team, introduced the York Region Team and provided a further introduction to the

proposal. Ms. Greggain introduced Lee McGrath, Partner and Planner, Urban Strategies, to deliver a presentation detailing the proposal.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Asked if a land swap for a parcel closer to transit was considered for this proposal. Ms. McGrath advised that, as outlined in the Staff report, there is broad encouragement for affordable housing throughout the built boundary and in a variety of locations.
- Commented that the building did not appear to be moved closer to the street per previous discussions. Ms. McGrath advised that the current site plan displays the building placed as far from Vetesse Court as possible considering TRCA limitations.
- Expressed support for the Region advocating for more frequent bus service along 14th Avenue and Donald Cousens Parkway.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Keyes

1. That the March 5, 2024, report titled, “RECOMMENDATION REPORT, The Regional Municipality of York, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments and Site Plan Control applications to permit a four and six-storey affordable rental building at the southwest corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Donald Cousens Parkway (Ward 7), File PLAN 21 120261 and SPC 22 109682”, be received; and,
2. That the Official Plan Amendment application submitted by the Regional Municipality of York, be approved and the draft Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix ‘A’, be finalized and brought to a future Council meeting for adoption without further notice; and,
3. That the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by the Regional Municipality of York be approved and the draft site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment, attached as Appendix ‘B’, be finalized and brought to a future Council meeting for enactment without further notice; and,
4. That the Site Plan application submitted by the Regional Municipality of York be endorsed in principle, and that Site Plan Approval be delegated to the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate; and,
5. That Council assign servicing allocation for 153 dwelling units for Site Plan Control File SPC 22 109682; and further,

6. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**Carried**

**8.2 RECOMMENDATION REPORT, HNT INC. AT 8310 WOODBINE AVENUE, APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY HNT INC. TO PERMIT A MULTI-UNIT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 8310 WOODBINE AVENUE (WARD 8), FILE NO. PLAN 22 258667 (10.5)**

Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services, introduced this item as a recommendation report related to a Zoning By-law amendment application to permit a one-storey multi-unit commercial building at 8310 Woodbine Ave. Commissioner Prasad advised that the Applicant is seeking to rezone the lands as business corridor to permit the commercial building and confirmed that Staff are supportive of the application. Commissioner Prasad introduced Marc De Nardis to deliver a presentation.

Marc De Nardis, Gagnon Walker Domes Ltd., delivered a presentation detailing the proposal.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Expressed concerns regarding overflow traffic generated from the commercial building. Giulio Cescato, Director, Planning & Urban Design, confirmed that Transportation Staff are satisfied with the parking provisions, noting that there are several accesses and egress to the building. Mr. DeNardis further confirmed that there is an easement along the western property limit, noting that none of the proposed parking encumbers the easement.

Moved by Councillor Isa Lee

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

1. That the report titled, “RECOMMENDATION REPORT, Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by HNT Inc. to permit a multi-unit commercial building at 8310 Woodbine Avenue (Ward 8), File No. PLAN 22 258667”, be received; and,
2. That the application submitted by HNT Inc. to amend Zoning By-law 165-80, as amended, be approved and the Zoning By-law, attached hereto as Appendix ‘A’, be approved; and further,

3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**Carried**

## **9. MOTIONS**

There were no motions.

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

## **11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Ritch Lau

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Development Services Committee resolve into a confidential session to discuss the following matters:

**Carried**

### **13.1 DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MATTERS**

#### **13.1.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 6, 2024 (10.0) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]**

#### **13.1.2 OLT APPEAL BY HILTON MARKHAM SUITES HOTEL LIMITED, APPEAL OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY- LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS (WARD 8) (10.3, 10.5) (LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.) [MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]**

**13.1.3 OLT APPEAL BY EASTSIDE CHEVROLET GMC BUICK LTD.,  
APPEAL OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW  
AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS (WARD 8) (10.3, 10.5)**

**(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING  
MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS,  
AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.)  
[MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]**

**13.1.4 REQUEST FOR DIRECTIONS - ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL  
APPEAL OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW FOR 10159 MCCOWAN  
ROAD (WARD 6) (16.11.3)**

**(LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING  
MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS,  
AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD.)  
[MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, Section 239 (2) (e)]**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the Development Services Committee adjourn at 11:46 AM.

**Carried**



# Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number: 2**  
**February 20, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Electronic Meeting**

Members	Councillor Karen Rea, Chair Councillor Keith Irish Lake Trevelyan, Vice-Chair Ron Blake David Butterworth	Ken Davis Victor Huang Tejinder Sidhu David Wilson Elizabeth Wimmer
Regrets	Councillor Reid McAlpine Nathan Proctor	Paul Tiefenbach
Staff	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner	Erica Alligood, Election & Committee Coordinator Jennifer Evans, Legislative Coordinator

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:02 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 pecuniary interest.

## 3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

### 3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

#### Recommendation:

That the February 20, 2024 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**3.2 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2024 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)**

See attached material.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on January 10, 2024 be received and adopted.

**Carried**

**3.3 HERITAGE MARKHAM ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS - 2024**

**1) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**2) Sub-Committees of Heritage Markham**

**3) Heritage Markham Representative- Other Committees (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair, noted that as there were some absent members, this item would be discussed at the March 13th Heritage Markham Committee meeting. Councillor Rea asked Committee members to review the available positions prior to the March meeting.

Recommendations:

That the information on the need for election of a Heritage Markham chair and vice chair, and the appointment of members to subcommittees be received;

And That the election and appointments be addressed at the March 13, 2024 meeting.

**Carried**

**4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**5. PART THREE - CONSENT**



## **5.1 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **DELEGATED APPROVAL BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF**

**17 UNION STREET, UNIONVILLE, 5 EUCLID STREET, UNIONVILLE,  
230-232 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE (16.11)**

File Numbers:

24 159789 HE

24 160547 HE

24 161184 HE

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

#### **Recommendation:**

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on the Minor Heritage Permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

**Carried**

## **5.2 BUILDING OR SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **DELEGATED APPROVAL BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF**

**4470 HWY. 7 E. (UHCD), 237 MAIN ST. (UHCD), 33 WASHINGTON ST.  
(MVHCD), 40 ROUGE ST. (MVHCD), 7651 9<sup>TH</sup> LINE, 6041 HWY. 7 E.  
(MVHCD), 4451 HWY. 7 E. (16.11)**

File Numbers:

AL 21 146699,

HP 23 127197,

HP 23 142104,

HP 23 146080,

AL 23 150294,

NH 24 160546,

AL 24 159675

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

#### **Recommendation:**

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

**Carried**

### **5.3 AMENDMENT TO A DESIGNATION BY-LAW TO CORRECT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

#### **4031 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (“BRIARWOOD FARM-JAMES MCLEAN HOUSE”) (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the required amendments to the designation by-law to correct/revise the property’s legal description and Statement of Significance.

**Carried**

## **6. PART FOUR - REGULAR**

### **6.1 OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT (“WILLIAM PREBBLE HOUSE”) 31-51 OLD KENNEDY ROAD, MILLIKEN (16.11)**

File Numbers:

PLAN 23 148834

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Martelluzzi, Senior Planner, Development

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, introduced this item related to a proposed development application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a 30-storey building at 31-51 Old Kennedy Road. Mr. Hutcheson advised that the proposal is not contemplating incorporating the

existing heritage building into the development. Mr. Hutcheson advised that Heritage Section Staff did an analysis of the building in 2018 and rated it as low priority for designation. Additional research and a site visit allowed staff to conclude that the building has minimal design and historical value to support designation. Mr. Hutcheson detailed that the structure underwent many modifications through the years but is currently in poor condition and is vacant. Mr. Hutcheson advised that as a condition of approval, a Markham Remembered plaque is being required to detail the history of the building.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham is of the opinion that 51 Old Kennedy Road is not a significant cultural heritage resource worthy of retention;

THAT as a condition of any future development approval, a Markham Remembered plaque be secured;

And THAT the committee has no further comment on the proposed development applications.

**Carried**

## **6.2 REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK**

### **NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE INCLUSION OF A PROPERTY ON THE MARKHAM REGISTER OF PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

#### **7696 NINTH LINE (“ANTHONY GRAHAM HOUSE”) (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as related to a notice of objection to the inclusion of a property on the heritage register. Mr. Manning advised that an Agent of the Owner of 7696 Ninth Line has requested that the property be “de-listed” from the register, a process which requires consideration by both the Heritage Markham Committee and Council. Mr. Manning advised that Staff have evaluated the property and find that it does not appear to meet the requisite number of Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria to be considered a significant

cultural heritage resource. As such, Mr. Manning advised that Staff do not object to the request to “de-list” the property.

The Committee asked about the intent behind requesting to be “de-listed”.

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, advised that this property would be the first property to be “de-listed” in the City and the ability to request de-listing was recently added to the Ontario Heritage Act. Mr. Manning advised that the Owner may wish for their property to be “de-listed” as it could impact resale value understanding that a future owner may wish to demolish the building. Mr. Manning reminded the Committee that as Staff would not have otherwise recommended pursuing designation of the property, it would fall off the register at the end of 2024 as a result of recent amendment to the Ontario Heritage Act.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham is of the opinion that 7696 Ninth Line is not a significant cultural heritage resource and has no objection to removal of the property from the Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

**Carried**

### **6.3 PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATION**

#### **RELOCATION OF A HERITAGE RESOURCE WITHIN A DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION**

#### **3575 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST “LYON-SHELL-FRISBY HOUSE” (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

D. Brutto, Senior Planner, North District

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as a request to relocate a heritage resource within a draft plan of subdivision, noting that this property was in the process of being designated in satisfaction of the overall project’s approval conditions . Mr. Manning shared images of the property in its current state and advised that a Conservation Plan would be required as a condition of approval for a future Major Heritage Permit application in order to

return the building to a more historically accurate condition. Mr. Manning advised that the Applicant was contacted by a descendant of one of the previous owners of the home who wishes to purchase and restore the home. The potential purchaser has requested that the heritage building be relocated with the subdivision so as to be adjacent to low-rise residential properties.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Expressed concerns with the proposed lot size for the heritage building. Andrew Zappone, DG Group, advised that the proposed lot is approximately 85 ft. in depth with a 56 ft. frontage, noting that a land surveyor would be needed to confirm the exact dimensions.
- Noted a preference for seeing a conceptual site plan with the building shown on the lot to better understand how it would be situated on the property along with a conceptual garage structure, amenity space and an outline of the re-instated veranda feature.
- Inquired if, in addition to a conceptual site plan, renderings or a coloured elevation could be provided to better understand the visual connection between property and future development to be constructed adjacent to the relocated heritage building. Mr. Zappone advised that as the project is in its initial stages, they would only be able to show the building situated on the lot in its current state as restoration plans have not yet been completed. Mr. Zappone also noted that a home must be marketable and affordable to the end user, noting that a larger lot could increase the cost to the end user.
- Noted a preference for its current location as being more visible to the general public.

#### Recommendation

THAT this item be deferred to the March meeting or a future Heritage Committee meeting so that the applicant can work with Heritage Section Staff on illustrating the building and associated conceptual features on the proposed lot or an alternate location which could permit a larger lot size.

**Carried**

The Committee had before them this original recommendation which was not voted on at this time:

#### Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the relocation of 3575 Eglin Mills Road East from its previously contemplated location within Block 206 to a prominent corner lot within Phase I of the future subdivision.

#### **6.4 MAJOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

##### **PROPOSED RESTORATION PLAN FOR THE GRAHAM-HALLMAN HOUSE**

**5474 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, MARKHAM (16.11)**

File Numbers:

HE 23 150152

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as related to a Major Heritage Permit application at 5474 19th Avenue in support of an overall conservation plan for the house as a condition of subdivision approval. Mr. Wokral advised that this matter is before the Committee to seek direction as to whether to permit retention of a metal roof installed sometime post 2004, but prior to the recent designation of the property. Mr. Wokral advised that through the restoration plan, the Committee could recommend removal of the metal roof to be replaced with asphalt or cedar shingles, adding that cedar shingle roofs are very expensive and based on experience, not as durable as they were in the past. Mr. Wokral opined that as the roof is quite new, removal could be considered wasteful particularly considering that the roof is not visually prominent given the shallow pitch of the roof.

The Committee asked if the roof would likely last much longer. Mr. Wokral confirmed that based on its visual appearance, the metal roof could remain in good condition for 40 years or more, at which time something more historically accurate could be required.

##### Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the existing metal roof remaining in place until it needs replacing with an appropriate new roof.

**Carried**

#### **6.5 HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

**PROPOSED SECOND STOREY REAR ADDITION  
8 DAVID GOHN CIRCLE, MARKHAM HERITAGE ESTATES (16.11)**

File Numbers:

HE 23 149959

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as related to a Major Heritage Permit for a proposed second storey rear addition which involves raising the roof height. Mr. Wokral clarified that the roof of the addition would not be raised higher than the ridge of the roof of the original portion of the heritage building and opined that the addition is well designed as it is subordinate to the heritage portion of the house and features appropriate window and siding selections. Mr. Wokral advised that the roof proposed for the addition would be metal to match the metal roof already installed on the addition.

The Committee commented that their understanding was that the roof of the modern rear addition was changed to metal due to damage to the cedar roof caused by the accumulation of fallen needles from adjacent spruce trees and expressed no objection to the continued use of a metal roof on the proposed second storey addition (in the same manner and location as it was applied previously).

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the installation of historically appropriate metal roofing on the roof slopes previously approved by the Heritage Permit HE 20 124651;

AND THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> storey addition to 8 David Gohn and delegates final review of the Major Heritage Permit and any other development application necessary to approve the proposed alteration to the City (Heritage Section) staff.

**Carried**

**6.6 TRAINING / CONFERENCE**

**ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE - JUNE 13-15, 2024,  
GRAVENHURST (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, advised that this item is on the agenda to remind the Committee that the annual Heritage Conference is taking place in June, in Gravenhurst, Ontario. Mr. Hutcheson advised that registration would be opening soon, noting that hotels will fill early as it is peak season. Mr. Hutcheson confirmed that he would place this item back on the agenda for the March or April Heritage Markham Committee meeting to allow members to confirm interest.

Recommendation:

THAT the information on the 2024 Ontario Heritage Conference be received as information.

**Carried**

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

### **7.1 STAFF UPDATE**

#### **DOORS OPEN MARKHAM 2024 (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, reminded the Committee that the City had reactivated the Doors Open Committee to prepare for the Doors Open event this year, which would take place on June 8th. In the past, Heritage Markham members have been active participants in this committee and as volunteers at the event. Mr. Hutcheson asked members for any suggestions for heritage sites appropriate for Doors Open that they are aware of or have a connection to, to let him or Councillor McAlpine know.

Recommendation:

THAT the information on Doors Open Markham 2024 be received as information.



**Carried****7.2 CHAIR UPDATE****HERITAGE WEEK 2024 (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Councillor Karen Rea advised that herself, Councillor McAlpine, Tejinder Sidhu and Lake Trevalyan worked with Heritage staff to plan an event for Heritage Day/Week which occurred earlier in the day. The Prince of Wales flag was raised by the Mayor and Councillors, along with a presentation to Development Services Committee by the Manager, Heritage Planning, to commemorate Heritage Week and Markham's heritage accomplishment over the last 49 years, noting that the presentation was well-received. Refreshments were served in the Great Hall where attendees had the opportunity to view a display installed by Heritage staff. Councillor Rea noted that next year would be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heritage Markham Committee.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the information on Heritage Week 2024 be received as information.

**Carried****7.3 COMMUNITYHERITAGE ONTARIO REQUEST**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 27(16) OF THE ONTARIO  
HERITAGE ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE REMOVAL OF LISTED  
(NON-DESIGNATED) PROPERTIES FROM MUNICIPAL HERITAGE  
REGISTERS (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, advised that a request was received from Community Heritage Ontario, requesting that all municipal heritage committees pass motions through their Councils supporting an extension of the two-year

limitation for properties on the heritage register to be designated. Mr. Hutcheson advised that Markham Heritage Section Staff is tracking well with property designations thus far, but noted that the high number of properties that could fall off heritage registers throughout Ontario would be extremely detrimental for heritage conservation and would not be a good news story for the Province.

Recommendation:

Whereas Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipal does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and,

Whereas since January 1, 2023, communities across Ontario have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

Whereas it is becoming apparent that the above-noted work is extremely time-consuming, costly and will not be completed by most municipalities by December 31, 2024;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Heritage Markham recommends to Council that the Mayor or City Clerk be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with copies to Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.

**Carried**

**8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 8:04 PM.



## Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number: 3**  
**March 13, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Electronic Meeting**

Members	Councillor Karen Rea, Chair Councillor Reid McAlpine Victor Huang Nathan Proctor	Tejinder Sidhu David Wilson Elizabeth Wimmer
Regrets	Councillor Keith Irish Lake Trevelyan, Vice-Chair Ron Blake	David Butterworth Ken Davis Paul Tiefenbach
Staff	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner	Erica Alligood, Election & Committee Coordinator Jennifer Evans, Legislative Coordinator

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karen Rea, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:09 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 pecuniary interest.

### 3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

#### 3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she would introduce new business related to homes being considered for demolition in the Rouge National Urban Park.

Recommendation:

That the March 13, 2024 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**3.2 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)**

See attached material.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on February 20, 2024 be received and adopted.

**Carried**

**3.3 HERITAGE MARKHAM ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS- 2024**

**1) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**2) SUB-COMMITTEES OF HERITAGE MARKHAM**

**3) HERITAGE MARKHAM REPRESENTATIVE- OTHER COMMITTEES (16.11)**

File Numbers:

n/a

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, advised that he would facilitate the election of Chair and Vice-Chair and explained the nomination process. Councillor Rea resumed the Chair role for the appointments to Sub-Committees of Heritage Markham and for the representatives of Heritage Markham to other Committees.

Recommendations:

THAT Councillor Reid McAlpine is the Chair and Elizabeth Wimmer is the Vice Chair of the Heritage Markham Committee for 2024 effective March 14, 2024; and,

THAT the following members comprise the Architectural Review Sub-Committee: Victor Huang, Elizabeth Wimmer, Councillor Reid McAlpine and Councillor Karen Rea effective March 14, 2024; and,

THAT Victor Huang, Nathan Proctor, and Councillor Karen Rea are the Heritage Markham representatives on the Heritage Building Evaluation Sub-Committee effective March 14, 2024; and,

THAT Tejinder Sidhu is the Heritage Markham representatives on the Doors Open Committee effective March 14, 2024; and further,

THAT David Wilson is the Heritage Markham representative on the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee effective March 14, 2024.

**Carried**

#### **4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

#### **5. PART THREE - CONSENT**

##### **5.1 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

##### **6 DAVID GOHN CIRCLE, MARKHAM HERITAGE ESTATES (16.11)**

File Numbers:

24 163067 HE

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on the Minor Heritage Permit approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

**Carried**

##### **5.2 BUILDING OR SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

##### **DELEGATED APPROVAL BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF**

##### **209 MAIN ST. U. (UHCD) (16.11)**

File Numbers:

SP 23 149440

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

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

**Carried**

**5.3 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION**

**PROPOSED INDOOR CYCLING TRAINING CENTRE  
43 MAIN ST. N., MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT (16.11)**

File Numbers:

MNV 24 160020

A/010/24

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no comment from a heritage perspective on the variance application seeking permission to use the building at 43 Main St. North as a Cycling Training Centre other than to remind the applicant that any signage must be designed as per the requirements of the Markham Sign By-law (Special Sign Districts).

**Carried**

**5.4 PROPOSED SEVERANCE TO CREATE SEPARATE OWNERSHIP**

**19 AND 19A GEORGE STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)**

File Numbers:

CNST 24 160686

B/001/24

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no comment on the proposed severance of 19 and 19A George Street from a heritage perspective.

**Carried**

## **5.5 MAJOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **PROPOSED RESTORATION AND ADDITIONS TO THE ABRAHAM & FRANK ALBERT RESSOR HOMES 7265 & 7323 HIGHWAY 7 EAST (16.11)**

File Numbers:

HE 24 160618,

HE 24 160611

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham supports the Major Heritage Permit applications for the Abraham and Frank Albert Reesor and delegates final review of any application required for approval to the City, (Heritage Section) staff.

**Carried**

## **6. PART FOUR - REGULAR**

### **6.1 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND PLAN OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATION**

#### **PROPOSED RELOCATION AND INCORPORATION OF HERITAGE HOUSES INTO A PROPOSED NEW TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT 2716 & 2730 ELGIN MILLS ROAD, LEVI HEISE HOUSE & CHRISTIAN HEISE HOUSE (16.11)**

File Numbers:

PLAN 23 150145

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item as related to an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision at 2716 and 2730 Elgin Mills Road. Mr. Wokral informed the Committee that Staff have been working closely with the Applicant to develop a conceptual plan, which includes the relocation of two heritage homes within the proposed development. Mr. Wokral advised that Staff are supportive of the new location which would retain their south facing orientation towards Elgin Mills Road, and their approximate relationship to each other. Mr. Wokral noted that an existing one storey historic frame addition to the east side of the Christian Heise House is proposed to be removed because it was built into an existing slope that does not exist on the proposed new lot.

The Committee had the following feedback:

- Expressed support for the Levi Heise House on Lot 1 being moved back approximately a meter from the front property line.
- Expressed support for revising the proposed pair of semi-detached dwellings on Lot 7 to either a single-detached dwelling or to a two-storey semi-detached dwelling to ensure appropriate transition with the heritage homes. Billy Tung, KLM, representing the Applicant, advised that a 2-storey semi-detached home had been considered and that perhaps a 2-storey building with the third floor built into the roof could be examined to help reduce the massing.
- Asked if the addition to the Christian Heise House was assessed for heritage value and if the age was identified. Mr. Wokral noted that the one storey addition did have heritage significance but recognized the difficulty of relocating the addition due to the lack of slope on the proposed lot. Chris Uchiyama, LHC, Heritage Planning & Archaeology, advised that the addition was closely examined, and that the exact age could not be determined, but that it was likely constructed in the later 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Asked for the square footage of the heritage homes. Ms. Uchiyama advised that both homes are under 2000 square feet in area.
- Asked if there has been consideration for the fact that future owners of the heritage homes may wish to add additions to increase living space. Mr. Tung advised that his client feels that there is a market for smaller sized single-detached dwellings but is also considering a coach house above the detached garage to provide additional living space or rental opportunities for future owners.



- Asked if Lot 7 could be eliminated to allow for larger lots for the heritage homes. Mr. Tung explained that the Applicant must still ensure that the development is economically feasible, considering that 6 units have already been deleted from the initial proposal. Mr. Hutcheson added that as the rest of the development is comprised of townhome units, it is important to consider the potential end user or purchaser of the heritage homes and the marketability of a heritage building on a large lot, in relation to the proposed surrounding development.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application and recommends that the review of the future Major Heritage Permit applications be delegated to the City, (Heritage Section) staff provided that the Conceptual Site Plan is revised by:

- Illustrating the retention of the front verandas of both the Levi Heise and Christian Heise Houses as part of the relocation, and the re-opening of the rear veranda of the Levi Heise House; and
- Moving the Levi Heise House approximately 1.0 m north on Lot 1 to provide additional separation from the public right-of-way.
- Reducing the proposed building on Lot 7 to a traditional two-storey semi-detached building.

THAT the City's standard heritage requirements be conditions of draft approval for the plan of subdivision and/or included in the Subdivision Agreement, including the requirement to secure Heritage Easement Agreements for each building;

AND THAT consideration be given to utilizing historic family names from this area for street names in the subdivision.

**Carried**

## **6.2 RELOCATION OF A HERITAGE RESOURCE WITHIN A DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION**

### **3575 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST, "LYON-SCHELL-FRISBY HOUSE" (16.11)**

File Numbers:

n/a

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, introduced this item as a deferral from the February Heritage Committee meeting. Mr. Hutcheson advised that there was a proposal from a descendant of the original owner of the Lyon-Schell-Frisby House to relocate the building from its original location near Elgin Mills Road to a location within the development. Staff indicated that while buildings remaining in-situ is typically the best option from a heritage perspective, there are some benefits to the proposed relocation of the this building. Mr. Hutcheson reminded the Committee that at the last meeting a more detailed concept plan was requested which the Applicant has now prepared. Mr. Hutcheson explained that the original north facing orientation of the building could be maintained and would allow for the front and wrap around veranda to also be re-introduced. Mr. Hutcheson confirmed that Heritage Section Staff feel that this relocation is supportable and introduced Andrew Zappone of DG Group to share another iteration of the concept plan.

Andrew Zappone, DG Group, displayed a concept plan which incorporated comments from the previous Heritage Committee meeting, including increasing the lot size and including a concept of how the space surrounding the heritage building lot would be interpreted.

Councillor Karen Rea advised that she and Councillor Reid McAlpine had met with Mr. Zappone who agreed to remove one of the townhomes to allow for a greater lot size which would enhance building placement and potential future additions to the heritage home.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Commented on the orientation of the home, expressing support for orienting the home to the West, with consideration for the wrap around veranda and to ensure the home has due prominence. The Committee commented that the re-orientation may situate the backyard toward the townhomes which may not be preferred to future owners. Mr. Zappone confirmed that the Applicant is amenable to reorienting the heritage home and that they will continue working with Heritage Section Staff to ensure a good product for the end user.
- Expressed concern for the lack of transition from the heritage home to the townhomes. Mr. Zappone advised that the Applicant feels that there is a

sufficient buffer to reduce the impact of the townhomes and allow for appropriate transition.

- Asked if there are any two-storey townhomes being proposed for this development. Mr. Zappone advised that they do not yet have exact unit typologies at this stage, noting that the Applicant has developed two-storey townhomes in other developments.
- Asked if there would be more enhanced treatment for the end unit townhomes. Mr. Zappone confirmed that there would be enhanced side-wall treatment for the end units governed by particular architectural control design guidelines which require the design to be sympathetic to the adjacent heritage home.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the relocation of 3575 Eglin Mills Road East from its previously contemplated location within Block 202 to a prominent corner lot within Phase I of the future subdivision.

AND THAT Heritage Markham supports the home being oriented to the West.

AND FURTHER THAT Heritage Markham supports an enhanced treatment of the end townhome nearest to the heritage home including potentially limiting them to two-storeys to allow for a gradual height transition to three-storey townhomes.

**Carried**

### **6.3 INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE PROGRAM**

#### **REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE – THORNHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY GROUP OF SEVEN ARTIST PROJECT (16.11)**

File Numbers:

n/a

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, advised that there has been a request through the Thornhill Historical Society for funding for interpretive plaques to recognize the Group of Seven artists who resided in the Thornhill Heritage

Conservation District. Mr. Hutcheson advised that in other cases when funding for heritage house plaques in heritage districts has been requested, the City contributes a portion of the funding, with the remainder being contributed from the homeowner or other contributors or fundraising efforts. Mr. Hutcheson advised that in this case, Staff are recommending a contribution from the City of \$175.00 toward each plaque which could be funded through the City's Heritage Reserve Fund.

The Committee commented that the plaques cost upward of \$700 each, noting that the \$175.00 put forth by the City would not cover the cost of each plaque. Mr. Hutcheson confirmed that Staff are recommending that the City put forth an amount which is consistent with the funding provided for other interpretive house plaques in the City with the understanding that the Thornhill Historical Society would fundraise the remaining funds for the plaques.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham supports the concept of the Thornhill Historical Society's Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Program and recommends that Council provide financial assistance for each plaque consistent with funding provided through the City's 'Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts' program.

**Carried**

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

**7.1 PRIORITY DESIGNATION PROJECT – SECOND UPDATE**

**DESIGNATION OF SIGNIFICANT “LISTED” PROPERTIES UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT (16.11)**

File Numbers:

n/a

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, provided an update on the progress with respect to priority heritage designations, advising that of 158 properties being evaluated for designation, 87 research reports have been completed (along with 87 Statement of Significance), and 12 designation by-laws have been registered with

an additional 22 designation by-laws adopted by Council and currently in the appeal period. Mr. Hutcheson advised that a further 12 designation by-laws will be before Council on April 3, 2024. Mr. Hutcheson noted that two designation by-laws are currently under appeal and confirmed that Staff are working to settle matters surrounding those appeals. He also acknowledged the outstanding work being undertaken by Senior Heritage Planner Evan Manning and Heritage Researcher George Duncan on this project.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receives as information the second progress update on the Priority Designation Project.

**Carried**

## **8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS**

### a) Rouge National Urban Park – Review of Building Proposed for Demolition

Councillor Karen Rea reminded the Committee that some members visited Rouge National Urban Park in October to look at the properties proposed for demolition and provided the results of a survey circulated to members, with many confirming that they would like to continue discussing several of the properties, outside of the Adam Betts House and William Boyd House. Councillor Rea advised that a further Architectural Review Sub-Committee meeting should be organized to discuss the other properties proposed for demolition.

The Committee agreed that an evaluation method should be formulated to ensure that the Sub-Committee has consistent criteria to establish recommendations surrounding demolition. Mr. Hutcheson advised that a similar criteria to what is used for designation of priority properties could be applied to establish the value of each building and to assist in ranking them to determine which ones should be recommended to be maintained.

The Committee also requested that any previous research on the properties undertaken by Heritage Section Staff be shared before the Sub-Committee meeting.

### b) Future Heritage Celebrations

Councillor Karen Rea raised that 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Markham Committee and expressed a desire for establishing a Sub-Committee towards the end of the Summer to begin planning for the 2025 Heritage Week. Mr. Hutcheson confirmed that this as well as the Heritage Excellence Awards would be placed on the April Heritage Markham agenda for further discussion.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: April 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation Report, Proposed Amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Removal of Listed Properties from Register

**PREPARED BY:** Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, Ext. 2080

**REVIEWED BY:** Stephen Lue, Senior Development Manager, ext. 2520

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) THAT the staff report, dated April 2, 2024, titled "Recommendation Report, Proposed Amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Removal of Listed Properties from Register", be received;
- 2) THAT as per the Heritage Markham Committee recommendation attached as Appendix 'A' to this report, the Mayor or City Clerk be authorized to send this report and a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with copies to Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the deadline involving the removal of listed properties from a municipal heritage register for an additional five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030;
- 3) AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

This report provides information on a request to support an amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act* (the *Act*) to extend the designation deadline of listed properties on municipal heritage registers for an additional five years.

**BACKGROUND:**

***Provincial heritage organizations are seeking support for an extension to the upcoming deadline for delisting heritage properties***

With the passing of Bill 23 on November 28, 2022, Subsection 27(16) of the *Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022, shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Act* on or before January 1, 2025. Since January 1, 2023, municipalities across Ontario have been diligently working towards the following:

- a) review their municipal heritage registers
- b) research and evaluate the heritage value of listed (non-designated) properties
- c) contact owners of such properties

- d) determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Act
- e) take all required steps to designate such properties

It has become clear that this work is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the number of affected properties and the limited resources available in most municipalities.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (“ACO”) and Community Heritage Ontario (“CHO”) are extremely concerned about the impact this will have on the conservation of cultural heritage resources throughout the Province. This change affects some 36,000 listed heritage properties, according to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, in over 100 municipalities across the province. Both organizations request a five-year extension to the deadline to January 1, 2030, for these listed properties. The additional time would give municipalities the opportunity to better plan, resource, and undertake this complex exercise. The 2030 timeline would help municipalities ensure that properties are not “forced off the list” prematurely and without input from property owners.

***Heritage Markham supports an extension of the deadline.***

On February 20, 2024, Heritage Markham recommended to Council that the Mayor or City Clerk be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, with copies to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; the Minister of Finance; and Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the current deadline for an additional five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030. (see Appendix ‘A’).

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

***An extension to the delisting deadline is supported***

In response to the changes to the legislation, Markham introduced the Priority Designation Project in May 2023. Staff determined that just over 150 listed properties are threatened. However, this does not include the non-designated properties that are owned by the municipality or other levels of government, barns, and cemeteries that will have to be removed from the Markham Register at the end of 2024.

The City’s local project is tracking well with property designations thus far, but staff are aware of and acknowledge the challenges in many other municipalities that have had to address many more listed properties. Municipalities, large and small, are scrambling to review their registers and prioritize properties for designation or other protection. The staff/financial cost of research alone is enormous. The high number of properties that would have to fall off heritage registers throughout Ontario by next January 1, 2025, would be extremely detrimental for heritage conservation in the Province. Notwithstanding that Markham should have all its significant high and medium rated listed properties designated by year end, an extension to the deadline as is being advocated by ACO and CHO is supported.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not Applicable.



**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

Not Applicable.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The protection and preservation of cultural heritage resources is part of the City's Growth Management Strategy.

**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Heritage Markham Committee was consulted.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

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Giulio Cescato, RPP, MCIP  
Director of Planning and Urban Design

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Arvin Prasad, RPP, MCIP  
Commissioner of Development  
Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix 'A' Heritage Markham Extract

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**Appendix 'A'****HERITAGE MARKHAM  
EXTRACT**

Date: February 27, 2024

To: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM # 7.3 OF THE SECOND HERITAGE MARKHAM  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON February 20,  
2024

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

**7.3 COMMUNITY HERITAGE ONTARIO REQUEST**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 27(16) OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE  
REMOVAL OF LISTED (NON-DESIGNATED) PROPERTIES  
FROM MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTERS (16.11)**

File Numbers:

N/A

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage, advised that a request was received from Community Heritage Ontario, requesting that all municipal heritage committees pass motions through their Councils supporting an extension of the two-year limitation for properties on the heritage register to be designated. Mr. Hutcheson advised that Markham Heritage Section Staff is tracking well with property designations thus far, but noted that the high number of properties that could fall off heritage registers throughout Ontario would be extremely detrimental for heritage conservation and would not be a good news story for the Province.

Recommendation:

Whereas Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non- designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipal does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January

1, 2025; and,

Whereas since January 1, 2023, communities across Ontario have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

Whereas it is becoming apparent that the above-noted work is extremely time- consuming, costly and will not be completed by most municipalities by December 31, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Heritage Markham recommends to Council that the Mayor or City Clerk be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with copies to Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.

**Carried**

Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: April 2, 2024

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation Report, Request for Funding Assistance, Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project

**PREPARED BY:** Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning, ext. 2080

**REVIEWED BY:** Stephen Lue, Senior Development Manager, ext. 2520

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the staff report, dated April 2, 2024, titled, "Recommendation Report, Request for Funding Assistance, Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project", be received;
2. THAT the concept of the Thornhill Historical Society's Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project is supported and that the City provide financial assistance for each plaque consistent with funding provided through the City's 'Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts' program at a total cost of \$700.00;
3. THAT the funding be provided from the Heritage Preservation Account (087 2800 115);
4. AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

This report provides information on the Thornhill Historical Society's Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Project and its request for financial assistance from the City of Markham ("the City").

**BACKGROUND:**

***The City currently participates in a plaque program that celebrates significant cultural heritage resources within heritage districts***

The existing 'Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts' program identifies the first building owner and occupation and the date of construction on the plaque. To date, the City worked primarily with the Markham Village Conservancy ("MVC") to advance this program in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District. The City has provided funding for a portion of the plaque cost (\$175) with the remaining costs funded by the MVC and the property owner.

***The Thornhill Historical Society ("THS") requests financial assistance in support of a Group of Seven Thornhill Heritage Plaque Recognition Program***

The THS is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit registered charity that "leads in the preservation of Thornhill's built, cultural, documentary, and natural heritage for the benefit of our community, through focused advocacy, events, and educational programming." The THS will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024. To mark this occasion, one of its signature projects is to highlight the presence of the Group of Seven artists in Thornhill by creating and affixing small plaques to the front of each of the heritage homes where members of the Group of Seven resided. THS envision this as a pilot project to potentially resume a heritage plaque program in Thornhill. This program aims to acknowledge and celebrate the often-overlooked presence of the Group of Seven in Thornhill (see Appendix A).

THS seeks financial assistance to help cover the cost of producing and installing the plaques. Each plaque would cost approximately \$776 (or \$3,100 in total). See Appendix C for plaque design and proposed placement. Group of Seven artists lived in the following houses located within the Thornhill-Markham Conservation District (see Appendix B):

- Francis Hans (Franz) Johnston – 14 John Street
- Arthur Lismer – 22 John Street
- Franklin Carmichael – 68 John Street
- Frederick Horsman Varley – 170 John Street

THS is engaging with the City of Vaughan for funding for a similar plaque for 18 Centre Street, the first Thornhill home of JEH MacDonald and family.

***Heritage Markham Committee recommends that Council provide financial assistance***

Heritage Markham, on March 13, 2024, supported the concept and recommended that financial assistance for each plaque be consistent with funding provided through the City's 'Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts' program for a total contribution of \$700.00

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

***The THS project has a slightly different focus than the City's current heritage district plaque program***

Although the THS program is not exactly consistent with the objectives of the City's interpretive plaque program for significant properties in heritage districts that focuses on the original owner and date of building construction, the THS project aims to celebrate significant Canadian artists who once resided at these Thornhill heritage properties.

***The City's Heritage Preservation Account could be used to contribute to the THS project***

Using the same funding premise as the City's existing interpretive plaque program, the cost to the City would be \$700 (\$175 x 4). The Heritage Preservation Account (Heritage Reserve Fund) holds funds drawn from Heritage Letters of Credit. In situations where heritage buildings have been damaged or destroyed or not restored as per approved plans, the letter of credit is drawn by the City. In 1991, Council created a special Reserve and adopted the Heritage Reserve Fund Guidelines describing the criteria and procedures for approval. Monies collected are to be used to fund four general program areas, one being projects of a municipal heritage communicative nature, such as historic plaques and signage. All projects considered for financial assistance from this fund must be reviewed by Heritage Markham and approved by Council.

Staff recommend the City support this unique and celebratory heritage project and that Council fund it in an amount consistent with the City's commitment to the existing heritage district plaque program.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Financial assistance in the amount of \$700 could be funded from the Heritage Preservation Account (Heritage Reserve Fund), Account 087 2800 115.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not Applicable.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The protection and celebration of cultural heritage resources is part of the City's Growth Management Strategy.

**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Heritage Markham Committee was consulted.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

Giulio Cescato, RPP, MCIP  
Director of Planning and Urban Design

Arvin Prasad, RPP, MCIP  
Commissioner of Development Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix A History of the Group of Seven in Thornhill  
Appendix B Group of Seven Properties/Locations  
Appendix C Proposed Plaque Design and Placement

## Appendix A – History of the Group of Seven in Thornhill

### A COLOURFUL PALETTE: ARTISTS OF THORNHILL

IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, THE VILLAGE OF THORNHILL WAS A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 700 RESIDENTS, A NUMBER THAT HAD REMAINED LITTLE CHANGED SINCE THE TIME OF CONFEDERATION. THE DON RIVER VALLEY, ONCE THE LIFELINE OF THE AREA'S MILLING INDUSTRY IN THE 19TH CENTURY, HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A MINERAL SPRING AND RESORT PARK. THE INSTALLATION OF THE YONGE STREET RADIAL RAILWAY LINE IN 1896 FACILITATED THIS NEWFOUND LOCAL INDUSTRY AND PROVIDED A VIABLE LINK TO TORONTO FOR BOTH PASSENGERS AND CARGO ALIKE.

THORNHILL'S PASTORAL BEAUTY, COUPLED WITH CONVENIENT ACCESS TO THE CITY, MADE THE SMALL COMMUNITY AN APPEALING PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR EARLY COMMUTERS. AMONG THESE WAS J.E.H. MACDONALD, WHO, WITH HIS WIFE JOAN AND THEIR YOUNG SON THOREAU, FIRST MADE THORNHILL THEIR HOME IN 1912, LEASING THE BRICK HOUSE AT 18 CENTRE STREET. AFTER TWO YEARS, THE MACDONALDS MOVED WEST ON CENTRE STREET TO THE SMALL FOUR-ACRE FARM THEY CALLED "FOUR ELMS". IT WAS HERE J.E.H. MACDONALD CREATED SOME OF HIS MOST FAMOUS WORKS, INCLUDING A TANGLED GARDEN IN 1916. PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF THE GROUP OF SEVEN, THE MACDONALD'S THORNHILL FARM PLAYED HOST TO OTHER VISITING GROUP MEMBERS, SEVERAL OF WHOM WOULD CALL THE VILLAGE HOME BEFORE 1920. FOR A BRIEF TIME BEFORE 1916, ARTHUR LISMER RENTED THE ONE-AND-A-HALF-STORY FRAME HOME AT 22 JOHN STREET. IT WAS HERE THAT LISMER PAINTED MY GARDEN, THORNHILL, ABOUT 1916. AROUND THE SAME TIME, GROUP MEMBER FRANZ JOHNSTON HAD TAKEN UP RESIDENCE A FEW HOUSES WEST ALONG JOHN STREET, IN A HOUSE NOW NUMBERED 14 JOHN STREET. FARTHER EAST ON JOHN STREET, FRANKLIN CARMICHAEL RENTED A SMALL COTTAGE BESIDE THE THORNHILL CEMETERY, FROM ABOUT 1916 TO 1920. FRED VARLEY WAS ALSO A RESIDENT OF JOHN STREET DURING THE WORLD WAR ONE ERA. HE RENTED A FORMER MILL WORKER'S COTTAGE AT 170 JOHN STREET KNOWN AS THE POMONA MILL HOUSE, NAMED FOR THE GRIST MILLS THAT ONCE OCCUPIED THE VALLEY BELOW. WHILE THEIR TIME IN THORNHILL WAS BRIEF. THE FOUR FUTURE GROUP OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHO LIVED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JOHN STREET FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE 1920, SURELY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE LOCAL SETTING AS A SOURCE OF ARTISTIC INSPIRATION.

EXCERPT FROM THE THORNHILL CIRCLE, J.E.H. MACDONALD AND HIS ASSOCIATES. 2006  
VARLEY ART GALLERY OF MARKHAM

## Appendix B – Group of Seven Properties/Locations

### GROUP OF SEVEN COMMEMMORATIVE PLAQUE LOCATIONS



J.E.H. MACDONALD  
18 CENTRE STREET



FRANCIS JOHNSON  
14 JOHN STREET



ARTHUR LISMER  
22 JOHN STREET



FRANKLIN CARMICHAEL  
68 JOHN STREET



FRED VARLEY  
170 JOHN STREET





## Appendix C – Proposed Plaque Design and Placement

### GROUP OF SEVEN

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

PLAQUE & POSITIONING OPTIONS



LEFT/RIGHT SIDE OF THE BUILDING



FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING



ABOVE OR BELOW HOUSE PLAQUE



#### PLAQUE DETAILS

CAST ALUMINUM PLAQUE

BRUSHED ALUMINUM BORDER AND RAISED TEXT

STANDARD SATIN CLEAR COATING

LEATHERETTE BACKGROUND TEXTURE

SIZE: 10" X 17", 5/16" THICK

MOUNTING: SCREWS, COUNTERSUNK



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: April 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Markham Centre Automobility Demonstration Zone Micro-Mobility Pilot

**PREPARED BY:** Chris Rickett, Director, Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship x 6590

Frank Clarizio, Director, Engineering x 7507

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the report entitled “Markham Centre Automobility Demonstration Zone Micro-Mobility Pilot” be received;
2. That the City opt into participating in O.Reg 389/19 - Pilot Project - Electric Kick-Scooters;
3. That City Staff be directed to deliver a micro-mobility pilot in Markham Centre Demonstration Zone, with the boundaries being Highway 7 to the north, Highway 407 to the south, Warden Avenue in the west, and Kennedy Road in the east, to assess the uptake and impact of the use of micro-mobility solutions in the City and report back to Council in Q2 2025 with details of the pilot;
4. That City Staff be authorized to enter into an agreement to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and Director of Operations with Scooty Mobility Incorporated to undertake a micro-mobility pilot in Markham Centre;
5. That City Staff be directed to bring forward all necessary by-laws and by-law amendments to permit and regulate the use of e-scooters in the Markham Centre Demonstration Zone, in accordance with the Provincial Pilot (ON Reg. 389/19); and,
6. That City Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

### **PURPOSE:**

This report seeks Council’s approval for staff to develop and deliver a micro-mobility pilot in Downtown Markham as part of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) Markham Centre Demonstration Zone (DZ).

### **BACKGROUND:**

In Ontario’s 2021 Budget, the Government committed \$56.4 million over four years to create the OVIN. OVIN focuses on maximizing investments and impacts across Ontario’s entire automotive value chain, including a shift towards smart and clean technologies. Through a range of programs, OVIN is linking large companies (partnering with original

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equipment manufacturers (OEMs), Tier 1, etc.), fleet operators, municipalities and utilities with Ontario start-ups and small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to encourage product innovation and open collaboration.

One of OVIN's programmatic streams includes supporting the creation of DZs, which are dedicated physical locations for showcasing advanced automotive technologies and smart mobility solutions. In partnership, the cities of Markham and Vaughan jointly applied and successfully secured funding in the amount of \$2.5M through March 31, 2025, from OVIN to deploy a DZ in each municipality.

Beyond providing physical locations for showcasing automotive and mobility technologies, the DZs allow Markham and Vaughan to explore solutions to their transportation and mobility challenges, such as alternative transport modes for short trips, first- and last-kilometre connectivity, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In Markham, the DZ is located in Markham Centre, focusing on Downtown Markham. Vaughan is focused on the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. Both Markham and Vaughan DZs aim to provide companies that have smart mobility technologies and solutions opportunities to test, validate and showcase to potential customers, partners and residents in a controlled, real-world environment in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and approvals.

#### **OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

Micro-mobility is a travel mode used for short-distance trips provided by lightweight, usually single-person vehicles, such as bicycles and scooters. More recently, micro-mobility systems have evolved to provide users with access to power assist vehicles such as pedal assist bikes (e-bikes) and electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) to complete short trips in an urban setting and provide a "first and last km" solution, connecting destinations to higher order transit systems.

While conventional bike share programs have existed for many years, new vehicle innovations such as e-scooters and e-bikes, together with different ownership/operating models (for sharing programs), are presenting municipalities with decisions to make when considering shared-micro-mobility solutions as a transportation option, such as:

- Public or private ownership of the system;
- Vehicle types to be permitted, including bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters, etc.; and,
- Docked or dockless, where docked station systems require that all vehicles be returned to an available station (Hamilton and Toronto examples) or dockless design, where the vehicle can be left free-standing (typically in a designated area) or locked to any immovable object (e.g. bike rack or street furniture) within a street boulevard.

Micro-mobility provides an example of how the City can rethink the more conventional, auto-centric approach and tools utilized for transportation network planning. Public access to a fleet of shared, small and environmentally friendly vehicles supports the

multi-modal needs for city building in dense urban environments and a more sustainable, green, attractive, healthy and safe city.

### **Micro-mobility Pilot in Downtown Markham**

On November 27, 2019, the Government of Ontario announced a 5-year e-scooter pilot (O. Reg. 389/19) that began on January 1, 2020, as part of the Open for Business Action Plan. Under the pilot, municipalities can pass local by-laws to allow e-scooters within municipal rights-of-way, along with other regulations which can be imposed on providers of shared e-scooter systems.

The regulation for the pilot program stipulates various e-scooter vehicle and operator safety criteria which must be met. Municipal considerations mentioned in the Province's guideline document are geared toward the management of private e-scooter-sharing systems, which can now operate in Ontario under this pilot program.

E-bikes are currently permitted to operate in the City, however, e-scooters require that a by-law be enacted to permit their use. The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and Ontario Regulation 389/19 requires a municipality pass a by-law to:

- Allow e-scooter use on municipal roads during the 5-year pilot;
- Set the maximum speed limit to 24 km/h;
- Restrict the maximum weight of the vehicle at 45kg;
- Restrict the maximum power output of the vehicle at 500W;
- Set the minimum operator age limit at 16 years of age;
- Restrict passengers and cargo;
- Restrict baskets;
- Require riders to stand at all times;
- Require the use of bicycle helmets for riders under 18 years old;
- Restrict pedals or seats;
- Require that the vehicle has 2 wheels, brakes, a horn or bell, and one white light on front, one red light on rear and reflective material on sides;
- Restrict the maximum wheel diameter at 17 inches;
- That all HTA rules of the road will apply to the operation of e-scooters like bicycles; and,
- Not allow e-scooters on controlled access highways, sidewalks and multi-use pathways.

### **Scope of a Micro-mobility Pilot**

To support a Micro-mobility Pilot in Downtown Markham as part of the OVIN DZ, staff are recommending that Council direct staff to bring forward the necessary by-laws and by-law amendments to permit and regulate the use of e-scooters. The use of e-scooters will be limited to Downtown Markham, between Warden Avenue in the west, Kennedy Avenue in the east, Highway 7 to the north and Highway 407 to the south.

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Undertaking a pilot in this area will allow City staff to assess the potential impacts and uptake of a shared e-scooter and e-bike system in the City of Markham, helping to shape the City's overall transportation system.

To support the pilot, in addition to the provisions outlined above, per the Provincial Regulation, the City by-law will also include the following provisions to regulate where e-scooters can be operated:

- Permitted on dedicated boulevard cycle paths and bicycle lanes;
- Permitted on traffic lanes on roads that are posted at 50 km/h or less; and,
- Prohibited on multi-use paths and sidewalks or on any roadway that also prohibits pedestrians and/or bicycles.

To assist in the safety of e-scooter users and bicyclists, City staff recommend implementing temporary buffered bicycle lanes on Enterprise Boulevard from University Boulevard to Warden Avenue. These buffered bicycle lanes will require the prohibition of vehicular traffic within the curb lane of Enterprise Boulevard, requiring the removal of one traffic lane in each direction. These temporary buffered bike lanes will need to be designed and implemented to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering and the Director of Operation and will need to be in place before the micro-mobility pilot is in service.

The proposed pilot will focus on the following:

- Collecting data relating to vehicle usage/maintenance;
- Collect data on vehicle incidents/complaints/collisions;
- Help to inform a future Citywide micro-mobility service permitting or licensing process;
- Identify operating/maintenance requirements (City and operator);
- Test the individual vehicle and system features in the City under a live "environment";
- Assess parking/storage/charging issues; and,
- Determine future geographical considerations for the expansion of micro-mobility solutions.

The following parameters will define the scope of the pilot program:

- E-Scooter Type: all e-scooters will be electric kick-style e-scooters with no seat or pedals, and riders will need to stand while using them. To adhere to the Government of Ontario's electric kick scooter pilot framework, there can only be one rider at a time, no cargo can be carried, baskets are not allowed, it must have two wheels and brakes, must have a horn or bell, as well as, front and rear lights;
- Length of Agreement: the term of the agreement will be from June 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The City will reserve the right to terminate the agreement in the case of an agreement breach.
- Number of E-Scooters and E-Bikes: the selected operator for the pilot will manage a fleet of no less than 70 and no more than 100 e-scooters and e-bikes.

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- **Operating Speed:** e-scooters will be limited to a maximum speed of 24 km/h (average speed for urban cycling);
  - **Operating Areas:** e-scooters will be permitted to operate on traffic lanes of roads with posted speed of 50km/h or less (where no bike lanes are provided) and bike lanes located within Downtown Markham, between Warden Avenue, Kennedy Avenue, Highway 7 and Highway 407. E-scooters will not be permitted to operate on sidewalks.
  - **Lock-Up E-Scooters:** all commercial e-scooters will be required to have a “locking” mechanism and will be required to be fastened to e-scooter parking/docking areas to ensure that they cannot be left anywhere and potentially blocking sidewalks.
  - **Parking Management and Enforcement:** the operator will be required to identify and implement e-scooter parking/docking areas. They will also be required to educate users on proper parking procedures, such as not blocking the sidewalk clearway path of travel, obstructing features such as utility accesses, garbage bins, or doorways, or curbside zones reserved for uses such as buses, taxis or loading.

The City and members of the public will be able to report improperly parked e-scooters, which the operator will be required to address within a defined time period.

The following by-laws will need to be enacted and amended to permit the proposed micro-mobility pilot in Downtown Markham:

- **E-Scooter By-Law** – an e-scooter by-law must be drafted and enacted.
- **Traffic By-law** – 106-71 – will need to be amended.
- **Lane Designation By-Law** – 2018-130 – must be amended.
- **Parking By-Law** – 2005-188 – will need to be amended.

These will come to Council in May 2024 to permit the pilot to begin.

### **Selecting a Micro-mobility Pilot Partner**

As part of the OVIN Markham Centre Demonstration Zone program, City staff undertook a competitive public call for proposals, inviting companies to propose first- and last-kilometre solutions to be demonstrated in Downtown Markham.

The proposal call yielded eight micro-mobility proposals of various types, and staff recommend that Scooty Mobility Incorporated (Scooty) be the micro-mobility partner for the OVIN Markham Centre Demonstration Zone.

Founded in 2019, Scooty is a GTA-based micro-mobility company with a Canadian team that understands the needs of local residents and employers. Scooty is a member of York University’s YSpace Accelerator Program, giving them a local understanding of the opportunities and conditions within Downtown Markham.

Scooty operates micro-mobility programs with e-scooters and e-bikes in the City of Brampton and Metrolinx. It is also the only micro-mobility company with access to GO

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Transit Stations and a payment application that integrates with Presto. This collaboration with Metrolinx makes Scooty unique in its ability to deliver a first- and last-kilometer solution in Downtown Markham.

### **Implementing a Micro-mobility Pilot in Downtown Markham**

To support the by-law changes and the Micro-Mobility Pilot in Downtown Markham, staff will prepare communication collateral to inform the public of the aforementioned requirements and regulations.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Micro-Mobility Pilot in Downtown Markham will be implemented at the cost of the commercial operator, who will charge market rates to utilize e-scooters in the area. The City will not be charged to provide e-scooters as part of the pilot.

Staff and communication costs will support the pilot, which will be paid for as part of the OVIN DZ project, which the Province of Ontario funds. The installation of a bike lane along Enterprise Boulevard will also be funded through the OVIN DZ project to support the pilot.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

A total of four staff resources have been secured to support the OVIN DZ, and the Province of Ontario funds them.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Building Markham's Future Together

Markham Is More: 2023-2027 Markham Economic Development and Culture Strategy

Digital Markham

### **BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship

Engineering

Operations

Bylaw

Planning and Urban Design

Risk Management

ITS

Legal Services

Finance

### **RECOMMENDED BY:**

Chris Rickett  
Director, Economic Growth,  
Culture & Entrepreneurship

Arvin Prasad  
Commissioner,  
Development Services

Frank Clarizio  
Director, Engineering

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Not applicable