



Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

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March 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Members	Councillor Reid McAlpine, Chair Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Keith Irish Ron Blake David Butterworth	Steve Lusk Tejinder Sidhu Lake Trevelyan Diane Ross Bruce England
Regrets	Victor Huang Kugan Subramaniam	Vanda Vicars
Staff	Peter Wokral, Acting Manager, Heritage Erica Alligood, Election & Committee Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner Coordinator Iyana Mundo, Assistant to Council / Committee	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Reid McAlpine, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:01 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

That the March 11, 2026 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2026 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)

See attached material.

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on February 11, 2026, be received and adopted.

Carried

3.3 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE

NEW MEMBERS, RE-APPOINTMENTS AND END OF TERM (16.11)

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Peter Wokral, Acting Manager, Heritage, introduced this item as related to appointments to the Heritage Committee, detailing the members who have been reappointed and thanking Elizabeth Wimmer and Richard Huang for their service on the Committee as their terms end. Mr. Wokral introduced new members Bruce England and Diane Ross.

Diane Ross and Bruce England provided brief introductory remarks.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham welcomes the re-appointment of Ron Blake, David Butterworth, Tejinder Sidhu and Kugan Subramaniam to the Committee.

THAT Heritage Markham acknowledges and appreciates the 4 ½ years of commitment and service provided by Elizabeth Wimmer to the Heritage Markham Committee and recognizes her contribution and effort in protecting and preserving the heritage resources in Markham;

AND THAT Heritage Markham acknowledges and appreciates Richard Huang's service to the committee and recognizes his contribution and effort in protecting and preserving the heritage resources in Markham.

Carried

4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS

5. PART THREE - CONSENT

5.1 MINOR HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

**DELEGATED APPROVAL BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF
6 PETER STREET (16.11)**

File Number:
26 109723 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 AND SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS (16.11)

**DELEGATED APPROVALS BY HERITAGE SECTION STAFF
248 MAIN ST. (UHCD); 8 CENTRE ST. (MVHCD); 209 MAIN ST. U.
(UHCD); 107 MAIN ST. N. (MVHCD); 819 BUR OAK AVE. (16.11)**

File Numbers:
HP 25 140008
SP 26 110424
AL 26 110623
SP 25 141836
SP 26 108636

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

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

257 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE PROPOSED VERTICAL/REAR ADDITION AND GARAGE EXPANSION (16.11)

File Numbers:

A/049/22

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

E. Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item, advising that the application was submitted in 2022 and is therefore not subject to the provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Mr. Manning advised that the proposal is functionally a demolition but that Heritage Section staff have no objection to the scope of demolition, find the variances minor in nature, and are supportive of the application.

The Committee expressed concerns with the additional paving at the front of the property, and recommended that it being reduced in width.

The Committee asked about the north facing dormer, asking if it could be reduced or removed. The Applicant confirmed that this would be considered though it would be difficult to achieve. Mr. Manning noted that variances are not required for the dormer and that Staff would discuss further with the applicant at the Major Heritage Permit stage as to whether it should be retained.

Recommendations:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the proposed variances for 257 Main Street North.

AND THAT Heritage Markham supports a reduction of the front pavers and asks that the Applicant work with Heritage staff on the proposed design during the Major Heritage Permit stage;

AND THAT future review of a Major Heritage Permit application, and any other development application required to approve the proposed development, be delegated to Heritage Section staff should the design be substantially in accordance with the drawings appended to this memo.

Carried

6.2 REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK**37 COLBORNE ST. THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2ND STOREY ADDITION (16.11)**

File Number:

N/A

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Peter Wokral, Acting Manager, Heritage introduced this item as related to a proposed second-storey addition at 37 Colborne St in the Thornhill HCD. Mr. Wokral advised that the property currently hosts a modest 1850s workers cottage and that the Owner is seeking to increase the usability of the second-storey. Mr. Wokral explained the proposed changes and provided a rendering to show the impact. Mr. Wokral introduced the Owner and Designer who were in attendance.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the proposed alterations of the semi-detached house at 37 Colborne Street and delegates final review of the Minor Heritage Permit application to the City, (Heritage Section) staff.

Carried

7. PART FIVE - STUDIES/PROJECTS AFFECTING HERITAGE RESOURCES - UPDATES**7.1 PRIORITY DESIGNATION PROJECT - FIFTH 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

Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, introduced this item advising that it would be brought back before the Committee in April. Mr. Manning reminded the Committee that Heritage Section staff are required to designate any properties listed on the Heritage Register by the end of 2026 or the properties would be removed from the Register. Mr. Manning advised that Staff would return to Committee to solicit further feedback on which properties they are considering for designation, noting that he also included properties which are Federally owned and thus immune to designation. These properties were included to demonstrate the large number of heritage resources owned by the Federal government.

The Committee sought clarification on some of the information presented, asking why some properties have photos and why some properties are not being considered for designation. Mr. Manning noted that Staff must rely on archives for photos as they are unable to enter a property and take photos without the Owner's permission. Mr. Manning also detailed the designation process, advising that properties must meet a minimum of two criteria as described in Ontario Regulation 9/06 for Staff to proceed with designation. Mr. Manning noted that while some properties are picturesque, Staff also have to look through a heritage lens to determine if properties are significant to the community.

Evelin Ellison, deputant, expressed her belief that 139 Langstaff Road E should be reconsidered for designation and expressed her disappointment that properties would be de-listed. Mr. Manning responded that even if 139 Langstaff Rd E was in exemplary condition, Staff could not recommend that it be designated as it does not meet the minimum number of 9/06 criteria.

The Committee asked if a process could be implemented wherein the Building Department could notify Heritage Section staff of alterations to formerly "listed" properties so that Staff could encourage Owners to cooperate on maintenance or restoration. Mr. Manning advised that the Chief Building Official has a narrow window to approve demolition should all the required material be provided to the City, limiting the ability of Council to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate should Staff recommend conservation of the building.

Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive as information the fifth progress update on the Priority Designation Project.

Carried

8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 7:43 PM.