



Heritage Markham Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 6
July 8, 2020, 7:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

Members	Councillor Keith Irish	Ken Davis
	Councillor Karen Rea	Doug Denby
	Councillor Reid McAlpine	Shan Goel
	Graham Dewar	Anthony Farr
	David Nesbitt	Jason McCauley
	Evelin Ellison	
Regrets	Paul Tiefenbach	
Staff	Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning	Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
	Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner	Scott Chapman, Election & Committee Coordinator
	George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Graham Dewar, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:05 PM by asking for any disclosures of interest with respect to items on the agenda.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Ken Davis declared a conflict on Agenda Item 5.2 - Heritage Permit Applications, as his house is listed under this item.

Anthony Farr advised that he will declare a conflict of interest on item 6.1 - Fire at 32 Colborne Street if an in-depth discussion occurs, as he lives next door to this property.

3. PART ONE - ADMINISTRATION

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A. Addendum Agenda

B. New Business from Committee Members

The following item was added under new business:

- Announcement of George Duncan's Retirement, including remarks from Shane Gregory.

Committee discussed removing items 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, and 6.2 from the agenda as the items were information items, and were not urgent in nature. Initially when the use of electronic meetings were being considered, it was contemplated that agendas would primarily include urgent items.

Staff advised that these types of agenda items are included on the agenda to communicate the activities Heritage Staff have approved on behalf of the Committee. The City is also now moving in the direction of have regular meeting agendas.

The Committee voted against removing the items from the agenda.

Recommendation:

That the July 8, 2020 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried

3.2 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2020 HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING (16.11)

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020 be received and adopted.

Carried

4. PART TWO - DEPUTATIONS

4.1 REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

**33 DICKSON HILL ROAD – PROPOSED DESIGNATION
UPDATE ON THE INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER
PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JOSEPH & LEAH
PIPHER FARMHOUSE AND SMOKEHOUSE (16.11)**

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson presented the staff memorandum on the proposed designation of 33 Dickson Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, which included a brief history of the property. The proposed designation was originally brought forward to the Development Services Committee on June 22, 2020, but the matter was deferred at the June 23, 2020 Council meeting and referred back to the Heritage Markham Committee for its feedback on the designation. After the Committee provides its feedback, the designation request will be placed on the July 14th, 2020 Council Agenda for Markham Council's consideration.

Heritage staff, and two of the Heritage Markham Committee Councillor Liaisons visited the property to view the home.

Staff are recommending that the following be restored or replicated: 1) the historic windows be restored, at minimum the windows located at the front elevation of the house; 2) the front entrance feature be restored (including the sidelights and the transom), with the possible replication of the wooden door to address security concerns; 3) the shutters preferably be restored and mounted on traditional hardware or fixed in place, but could possibly be replicated if in too poor condition; and 4) the smokehouse be restored preferably in its current location.

The property owner has also proposed an addition to the building that will be reviewed by the Committee once a formal application has been submitted.

Shane Gregory, Consultant, representing the property owner advised that his client generally supports the staff recommendations in regards to the heritage features that should be restored or replicated. To date a tree removal application, an engineering permit, and a building permit have been submitted to the City for this property.

Adam Marmo, property owner advised that he is unfamiliar with the heritage process, but is committed to working with the City and the Committee. He was supportive of the proposed heritage designation of the property, but questioned if Site Plan Approval was needed, as the Building Permit Application was submitted to the City prior to any designation of the property.

Regan Hutcheson advised that that the requirement for Site Plan Approval to be reviewed by the Heritage Markham Committee would need to be discussed internally by staff, as this is a unique situation.

Committee briefly discussed recent modifications made to the home by the property owner, including removing a one storey back porch constructed circa 1940 where the new addition to the house is being proposed, as well as one storey portions to the east of the main house that were extensively modified in the 1940's that the owner reported were infested with animals.

Committee Members provided the following feedback on the heritage attributes and designation of the property:

- Admired the stonework on the house;
- Agreed the house should be designated as a heritage property;
- Suggested most of the shutters will likely need to be replicated due to their poor condition;
- Most of the Members agreed that the windows could be restored, but that a compromise may need to be considered such as allowing the shutters to be mounted in a way that does not compromise the integrity of traditional storm windows. It was also noted that if the shutters are to be reinstalled with the existing shutter hardware, storm windows could not be used.
- Suggested the front door could be restored, but also suggested it could be replicated;
- Most of the Members supported the restoration of the smokehouse;
- Asked that no further modifications be made to the house until after the designation is considered by Council.

Adam Marmo advised that he is committed to restoring or replicating the significant heritage features of the house. The smokehouse will be restored and likely kept in its existing location, and will probably be used for storage. The front entrance feature will also be restored, but the preference is to replace the wooden door with a more secure door. The windows and shutters need to be made compatible with each other. Therefore, the preference is to restore the windows in the front of the property to maintain the heritage look, and replace the rest of the windows with proper storm windows and remove the shutters. Mr. Marmo provided his commitment that he would not make any further modifications to the property prior the designation being considered by Council on July 14, 2020.

The property owner's step father recognized the heritage significance of the property, but emphasized that the house needs to be restored into a livable family home.

It was suggested that the review of the Building Permit application be delegated to the Committee's Architectural Review Sub-Committee so that the Sub-Committee could comment on behalf of the Heritage Markham Committee and not delay the project.

Recommendation:

1. That Heritage Markham continues to support the intention to designate the Joseph and Leah Pipher Farmhouse and Smokehouse 33 Dickson Hill Road, including the identification of the original windows, shutters, front entry and former smokehouse building as significant heritage attributes to be conserved; and,
2. That Heritage Markham delegate the review and consideration of the building permit to the Architectural Review Sub-Committee.

Carried

4.2 HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

**6041 HIGHWAY 7 EAST, MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MARKHAM VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE – REPLACEMENT OF
NON-COMPLIANT ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD (16.11)
FILE NUMBER: HE 20 118874**

Extracts:

R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
M. Creighton, Director, Recreation Services
L. deHaas, Supervisor, Community Facility

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner provided a summary of the staff memorandum.

Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation made a deputation to the Committee requesting that an exemption to Markham's Sign By-Law be permitted to allow for the replacement of the existing non-compliant electronic message board at the Markham Village Community Centre. The proposed electronic message sign is used to promote and educate the public on City programs and services, and can be used to provide notification to the community during an emergency.

Members provided the following feedback on the request:

- The City should lead by example, and be in compliance with its own by-law;

- The sign benefits the community by providing emergency notifications, and other City communications;
- The sign matches the building on the site and does not conflict with the neighboring properties;
- The City should consider updating its Sign By-law to include digital signs that have a heritage look (i.e. using colours and fonts that provide the digital sign with a heritage look, and that do not loop as frequently so that each frame is displayed for a longer duration of time);
- The City can provide notification to the community via their cell phones, or through another communication channels;
- The entire ground sign could be redesigned to create a visually aesthetic heritage style unit if the electronic message board is permitted.

Recommendation:

1. That Heritage Markham Committee recommends that the City should lead by example and comply with the Sign By-law and the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan policies both of which prohibit the use of electronic message boards in heritage conservation districts; and,
2. That the Recreation Department investigate other approaches to having changeable messages as part of its signage.

Carried

5. PART THREE - CONSENT

5.1 BUILDING OR SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

**9350 MARKHAM ROAD, MARKHAM MUSEUM
6088 HIGHWAY 7 EAST, MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

DELEGATED APPROVALS: BUILDING (16.11)

FILE NUMBERS:

- 20 107244 AL
- 20 112079 AL

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

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

Carried

5.2 HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

25 COLBORNE STREET, THORNHILL HCD

115 MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE HCD

17 EUCLID STREET, UNIONVILLE HCD

147 A MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE HCD

19 PETER STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD

180 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD

276 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD

16 MAPLE STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE HCD

143 CASTLEVIEW CRESCENT, INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNATED

22 DAVID GOHN CIRCLE, MARKHAM HERITAGE ESTATES

7181 REESOR ROAD, INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNATED

DELEGATED APPROVALS: HERITAGE (16.11)

FILE NUMBERS:

- HE 20 118438
- HE 20 117231
- HE 20 118704
- HE 20 118714
- HE 20 118158
- HE 20 118319
- HE 20 118707
- HE 20 117240
- HE 20 118156
- HE 20 118904
- HE 20 118689

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Recommendation:

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

Carried

6. PART FOUR - REGULAR

6.1 INFORMATION

FIRE AT 32 COLBORNE STREET THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson advised that there was a serious fire at 32 Colborne Street in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.

Committee thanked Anthony Farr and his dog for the instrumental role they played in saving the lives of the father and daughter that reside at 32 Colborne Street.

The Committee briefly discussed the extent of the damage the fire has caused to the non-heritage home, and the unlikelihood that it will be able to be restored.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive as information.

Carried

6.2 CITY OF MARKHAM TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL PATIO EXPANSION PROGRAM - COVID-19 (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson advised that the City has passed a Temporary Commercial Patio Expansion Program to assist restaurants during COVID-19 which involved alternate approval protocols. This includes restaurants in the City's heritage conservation districts.

Committee supported the by-law and understood the need to support businesses. Some concern was expressed with respect to the speed of the vehicles passing through Main Street Unionville now that people are sitting on patios closer to the road.

It was advised that staff are aware of this problem and that it is being addressed. Extra signage requesting drivers to slow down has already been erected.

Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee receive as information the information on the temporary commercial patio program (July – December 2020).

Carried

6.3 THREATENED AND VACANT BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE - SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Regan Hutcheson advised that he will coordinate the Threatened and Vacant Building Sub-Committee meeting schedule by email. The tentative date of the first Sub-Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

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

There was no update provided under this section.

8. PART SIX - NEW BUSINESS

Graham Dewar, Chair announced that George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner will be retiring at the end of the month.

Committee congratulated Mr. Duncan and thanked him for his hard work, expertise, and commitment to the City's heritage conservation program as well as heritage initiatives in general.

Mr. Duncan was recognized for his many books including, Historic Unionville - A Village in the City, noting its importance to the Unionville community.

Shane Gregory, Consultant and Contractor thanked George Duncan for all his heritage expertise and advice he provided to the Gregory Design Group over the years.

The Committee encouraged Mr. Duncan to consider applying as a citizen member of the Heritage Markham Committee in the future.

George Duncan thanked Mr. Gregory and the Committee for their kind words, advising that he enjoyed working for the City of Markham, appreciated the commitment of staff and members of the community, and feels privileged to have had a career dedicated to heritage conservation. In near future, he plans to enjoy his hobbies, but may consider other opportunities in the future.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Heritage Markham Committee adjourned at 9:12 PM.