



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: February 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Information
Heritage Markham Committee 2020
Statistics

Project: Heritage Markham Committee Statistics 2020 (year end review)

Background:

- Staff has prepared statistics on committee activities and members including volunteer hours, length of meetings, types and number of applications reviewed, and major issues and accomplishments in 2020.

Staff Comment

- See 2020 statistics for the committee as well as a comparison with 2017, 2018 and 2019 stats (separate chart). All information is obtained from a review of the Heritage Markham minutes for 2020.
- Overall, there were fewer applications reviewed in 2020 with the largest decrease being in Site Plan Control submissions. This was likely due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

That Heritage Markham Committee receive the information on Heritage Markham Committee Statistics for 2020, as information.

Heritage Markham Committee 2020

<u># of Heritage Markham meetings</u>	11
<u>Total # Volunteer Hours (meetings only)</u>	296.5

(does not include site visits, sub-committees or preparing for the meetings)

<u>Average # members per Meeting</u>	10
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Length of Meetings

Shortest Meeting	1.5 hours (Jan and Nov)
Longest Meeting	4.0 hours (Oct)
Average Meeting	2.5 hours

Agenda Material- Reviewed by Heritage Markham

<u>Total # of Applications Reviewed</u>		150
<u>Site Plan Applications</u>	9	
<u>Building Permits</u>	50	
Alterations/ Construction/Signs	45	
Demolitions	5	
<u>Heritage Permits</u>	49	
<u>Tree Removal Permits</u>	4	
<u>Other Planning Applications</u>	7	
Official Plan Amendment	2	
Zoning By-law Amendment	2	
Plan of Subdivision	2	
Condo	1	
<u>Committee of Adjustment</u>	19	
Variances	13	
Consents	6	
<u>Grant Applications</u>	7	
Commercial Façade	1 reviewed (supported 1)	\$10,000 grant funding
Designated Heritage Property	6 reviewed (supported 6)	\$24,940 grant funding
<u>Policy Documents</u>	4	

From a Review of the Heritage Markham Minutes- 2020

Members/Staff Update

- Graham Dewar was Chair and Ken Davis was Vice Chair. Ken also agreed to represent Heritage Markham on the Historic Unionville Community Vision Committee.
- Maria Cerone (Unionville rep) completed her term in Dec 2019 and chose not to continue on in 2020 until a replacement was appointed.
- Lake Traveyan was appointed as the new Unionville rep and joined the Committee at the August meeting.
- New member Jason McCauley (Markham Village rep) joined the Committee in February and passed away in November 2020.
- George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner retired from the City of Markham in July after 17 years of service.

Issues of Note in 2020

- **COVID 19** – Affected the operation of the Committee. The last in person meeting was in March. The Committee did not meet in April but resumed meeting virtually in May and continued to meet using ZOOM for the remainder of the year. Staff also began working from home in mid-March.
- Markham was to host the **Ontario Heritage Conference** this year. Scheduled for May, it was rescheduled to October, but then later cancelled altogether.
- Concern about **threatened heritage buildings** and the status of By-law Enforcement activity. Two significant demolition were related to this issue: 10536 McCowan Road (Summerfeldt –Steckley House) and 12 Imperial College Lane (9900 Markham Road- William Clarry House)
- The **Awards of Excellence** ceremony deferred from 2019 was not held due to the pandemic situation.
- **Doors Open Markham 2020** was not held as an event, but a number of sites were profiled in a virtual format.
- **Site Visits** for volunteer members were suspended due to COVID restrictions.
- Reviewed proposed changes to the **Ontario Heritage Act Regulations** as part of the provincial government's Bill 108. Both the OHA changes and Regulations were to be proclaimed Jan 1, 2021 but this has been delayed.
- Appropriate fencing and metal roofs were issues this year.

Accomplishments in 2020

- David Nesbitt and Graham Dewar represented Heritage Markham on the Local Organizing Committee for the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference until it was disbanded. Thank you for all your work over 2019 and 2020.
- Committee reviewed and supported a preferred option for the Unionville Core Area Streetscape Master Plan.
- Recommended designation of 33 Dickson Hill
- Members provided input into the new draft Heritage Markham Committee Terms of Reference and By-law.
- Presentation by staff on Markham examples of incorporating cultural heritage resources in new development.

Heritage Markham Committee Statistics Comparison 2017-2020
Prepared January 2021

Administration	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Heritage Markham Committee Meetings:	12	12	12	11*
Number of Heritage Staff Reports Prepared:	191	152	139	103
Average # of reports per meeting:	16	13	11	9
Amount of Citizen Member Volunteer Hours (formal meeting only)	317.0	230.0	253.5	296.5
Longest Meetings - # of hours	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.0
Average Meeting Length (# of hours)	3.5	2.0/2.5	2.0/2.5	2.5
Resignations or end of Term	1	1	2	2**
New Members	2	2*	3	2

* April cancelled due to COVID

** one death

Application Review	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Number of Applications Reviewed	274	224	152	149
Number of Heritage Permit Applications	63	52	44	49
Number of Building and Sign Permit Applications	102	62	47	45
Number of Demolition Applications	13	9	5	5
Number of Financial Assistance Applications	18	11	7	7
Number of Site Plan Control Applications	38	32	22	9
Number of Official Plan Amendment Applications	5	3	2	2
Number of Zoning By-law Amendments	5	7	7	2
Number of Condominium Applications	1	1	0	1
Number of Plans of Subdivision	5	5	3	2
Number of Committee of Adjustment Applications	18	33	10	19
Variances	16	26	10	13
Consents	2	7	0	6
Number of Policy Documents	6	3	2	4
Number of Tree Removals		6	3	4
Requests for Committee feedback	8	5	4	7
Requests for Heritage Easements	1	0	0	0
Add to the Heritage Register (# of properties)	---	14	0	1
Heritage Property Evaluation	---	26	1	2