

Heritage Markham Committee Meeting City of Markham

**December 9, 2015
Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre**

Members

Councillor Valerie Burke
Jenny Chau
Graham Dewar
Evelin Ellison
Anthony Farr
Evan Gelman
Councillor Don Hamilton
David Johnston
David Nesbitt, Chair
Councillor Karen Rea
Templar Tsang-Trinaistich, Vice-Chair
Susan Zila

Regrets

Julie Chapman

Staff

Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
Peter Wokral, Heritage Planner
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

David Nesbitt, Chair, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:03 PM by asking for any disclosures of interest with respect to items on the agenda. There were none declared.

1. Approval of Agenda (16.11)

- A) Addendum Items
 - 41 Church St. Markham Village; 73 Main Street South
 - Correspondence - Heritage District News, Fall 2015
- B) New Business from Committee Members
 - Studies and Major Project Update
 - Application Drawings
 - Heritage Estates
 - Metal Roofs
 - Presentation to Marion Matthias

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the December 9, 2015 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**2. Minutes of the November 11, 2015
Heritage Markham Committee meeting (16.11)**

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on November 11, 2015 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

3. New Member – Heritage Markham (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Manager of Heritage Planning introduced Zuzana (Susan) Zila, the new member of the Heritage Markham Committee. Ms. Zila gave a brief outline of her background and experience in heritage matters.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the information regarding the Council appointment for the Markham Village position, and that Zuzana (Susan) Zila be welcomed to the committee.

CARRIED

**4. Zoning By-law Amendment Application
Official Plan Amendment Application
73 Main Street South
Proposed Townhouse Development (16.11)**

File Numbers: OP 15 108135

ZA 15 108135

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

Notes from the Architectural Review Sub-Committee meeting held on December 3rd were emailed to Committee members. Members of the Architectural Review Sub-Committee provided their observations regarding the topography, zoning, and other matters.

Mr. Mike Manett, applicant, had emailed staff regarding his understanding that a recommendation on this matter would be deferred to the new year pending a community meeting, and he did not attend today's meeting. The original proposal will not be revised until input from the community meeting and other commenting departments and agencies has been gathered.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the staff memorandum as information; and,

That Heritage Markham receive the notes from the Architectural Review Subcommittee meeting held on December 3, 2015 and that the applications return to the Heritage Markham Committee for further consideration early in 2016.

CARRIED

5. Heritage Permit Applications
26 John Street, Thornhill
4 Peter Street, Markham Village
11172 Warden Ave., Rural Area
9286 Kennedy Road, North Unionville
8961 Ninth Line, Cornell
Delegated Approvals: Heritage Permits (16.11)

File Numbers: HE 15 173848

HE 15 176684

HE 15 164053

HE 15 175564

HE 15 177236

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Heritage Markham Recommends:

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

CARRIED

6. Awards
Ontario Volunteer Service Awards
Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and that Judith Dawson be nominated for 10 years of continuous service.

CARRIED

7. Building Demolition Applications

150 John Street, Thornhill

7751 Yonge Street, Thornhill

136 Main Street, Unionville

10 Jerman Street, Markham Village

10 Centre Street, Markham Village

6 Aileen Lewis Court, Markham Heritage Estates

10729 Woodbine Avenue, Victoria Square

3693 Elgin Mills Road, Rural Area

5933 14th Avenue, Armadale Community

Delegated Approvals: Building and Demolition Permit (16.11)

File Numbers: 15 170892 HP

15 173830 NH

15 173911 AL

10 118344 HP

15 167338 NH

15 176834 HP

14 121251 HP

15 176391 HP

15 175911 ND

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on building, demolition and sign permit applications approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the following correspondence be received as information:

- a) Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill: November 2015 newsletter.
(Staff has full copy)
- b) Heritage District News, Fall 2015.

CARRIED

**9. Site Plan Control Application
287 Main Street North
Proposed New House and Detached Garage (16.11)**

File Number: SC 15 147650

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

This property was subject to a consent application, creating a new lot at 289 Main Street North. Both parcels - 287 and 289 Main Street - required minor variances for the proposed conceptual houses on each lot. The Committee had previously reviewed this proposal and supported the requested variances with conditions. The Committee of Adjustment subsequently approved the consent and minor variances subject to obtaining site plan approval including an appropriate design for the proposed dwelling at 289 Main Street N. The site plan control applications are now before the Committee. It was noted that comments from City departments are pending.

Russ Gregory, representing the applicant, responded to questions from the Committee regarding the use of the space above the garage, advising it was intended for the same purpose as the existing structure, not as a secondary unit. Staff advised that the detailed interior drawings showing washroom facilities were not part of the information package to the Committee as they do not pertain to heritage issues.

It was requested that the previous recommendations of Heritage Markham be provided to the Architectural Review Sub-Committee for background information. Discussions included the Georgian style architectural design, and the Committee reconfirmed its position from May, 2015, that it did not support this style. The previous suggestion of relocating the driveway location to the north property boundary will be considered by the Architectural Review Sub-Committee.

The Committee commented generally on parking issues relating to construction vehicles blocking the road. The City is working on a construction management program for infill development.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the design of the proposed house and garage placement be referred to the Architectural Review Sub-Committee for review having the benefit of comments provided by other City departments that are reviewing the application.

CARRIED

**10. Site Plan Control Application
289 Main Street North
Proposed New House and Detached Garage (16.11)**

File Number: SC 15 176731

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

This matter was discussed in conjunction with Agenda item # 9, for 287 Main Street North. Russ Gregory, representing the applicant, responded to questions from the Committee

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the design of the proposed house be referred to the Architectural Review Sub-Committee for review having the benefit of comments provided by other City departments that are reviewing the application.

CARRIED

**11. Training
Cultural Heritage Conservation Workshop
Heritage Conservation in Ontario:
Fundamentals for Municipal Heritage Committees (16.11)**

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Committee members that had attended the Cultural Heritage Conservation Workshop gave an overview of the seminar, advising that it was well done and very beneficial. It was suggested that the speaker be invited to give a presentation in Markham.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the verbal update from members who attended the Cultural Heritage Conservation Workshop held in Aurora on November 26, 2015, be received as information; and,

That the speaker at the Cultural Heritage Conservation Workshop be invited to give a presentation to Markham's Heritage Committee.

CARRIED

12. Heritage Week, February 2016 (16.11),
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Senior Heritage Planner reviewed some of the Heritage Week events held in previous years, and requested any suggestions or expressions of interest in events for 2016. The Committee suggested that the month of February is not conducive to such events, and that attention and efforts should be focused on Doors Open and having a Heritage Markham presence at festival events.

Staff was requested to look into providing the 40th Anniversary book to local schools for educational purposes.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the verbal update from staff regarding Heritage Week, be received as information.

CARRIED

13. Site Plan Control Application
41 Church Street, Markham Village
Revisions to Existing Dwelling (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner

The Heritage Planner explained the proposal for renovations to the existing dwelling at 41 Church Street, Markham Village. Staff have no objection to the renovations subject to amendments regarding the pane divisions of the windows. Staff advised that there may be minor variances required for the added verandah, and as the proposal would introduce a traditional heritage feature on the dwelling, the Committee could request that the Committee of Adjustment application fees be waived.

Russ Gregory, representing the applicant, was in attendance to answer any questions. The Committee commended the applicant on the rehabilitation proposal for this 1970's house to make it more complementary in design to the heritage character of the area.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed new gable, veranda, bumping out of the second storey and clapboard cladding at 41 Church St. provided that the proposed window pane divisions be revised to reflect traditional Markham Village windows; and,

That the site plan application be referred to Heritage Section Staff for review, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, provided there are no significant deviations from the drawings date stamped October 11, 2015; and,

That the applicant enter into a site plan agreement containing the standard conditions regarding windows, materials, colours etc.; and further,

That the Committee of Adjustment be requested to waive the application fees for any Minor Variances that may be required for the new front verandah.

CARRIED

14. New Business

Studies and Projects Update (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Committee requested an update on studies and major projects (items h to o on the project list) be provided at the next Heritage Markham meeting.

15. New Business

Application Drawings (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Committee discussed the provision of full drawing sets for applications reviewed by Heritage Markham, and whether the provision of such information is relevant to the mandate of the Committee. Staff was requested to have full and relevant information available in case it is required.

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That staff provide full and relevant application drawings when appropriate, or to have the information available at the meeting in case it is required.

CARRIED

16. New Business

Heritage Estates (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Committee discussed establishing a new Heritage Estates subdivision as the existing subdivision is becoming full. Staff will bring forward the findings of a consultant's report on this matter at a future meeting. It was suggested that an incentive be provided to have houses moved into Heritage Estates instead of demolishing them.

17. New Business
Metal Roofs (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Committee requested staff provide a report in February, 2015, regarding the use of metal roofs for residences in Heritage Estates.

18. New Business
Presentation to Marion Matthias (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Chair of Heritage Markham presented a gift to Marion Mathias on behalf of the Committee, in recognition of her 4½ years of service as a Heritage Markham member (October 2011 – 2015).

Adjournment

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.