

**HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF MARKHAM
Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre**

DECEMBER 11, 2013

MINUTES

Members

Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Don Hamilton
David Johnston
Barry Martin, Vice-Chair
Marion Matthias
Richard Morales
Barry Nelson
Ronald Waine, Chair

Regrets

Jenny Chau
Judith Dawson
David Nesbitt

Staff

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

Ronald Waine, Chair, convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. by asking for any disclosures of interest with respect to items on the agenda. Barry Martin assumed the Chair for Item # 9.

Barry Martin disclosed an interest with respect to Item # 4, 15 Church Lane, by nature of working on this property, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of this matter.

Barry Nelson disclosed an interest with respect to Item # 9, Awards, by nature of being nominated for a service award, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of this matter.

Ronald Waine disclosed an interest with respect to Item # 9, Awards, by nature of being nominated for a service award, and did not take part in the discussion of or vote on the question of the approval of this matter.

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)

A) New Business – The Committee members and staff identified new business

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That the Heritage Markham agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013
HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Staff provided an update on Item # 12, Awards.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That the Minutes of the Heritage Markham meeting held on November 13, 2013 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

3. REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK
24 MAPLE LANE, UNIONVILLE
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR HOUSE AND BARN (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Ms. Robin Couperthwaite had tentatively planned to make a deputation but informed staff that the matter would be addressed in the new year.

4. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATIONS
DELEGATED APPROVALS: HERITAGE PERMITS (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

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

CARRIED

5. BUILDING OR SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS
DELEGATED APPROVALS: BUILDING AND
SIGN PERMITS (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

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

CARRIED

6. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION
DELEGATED APPROVALS: TREE REMOVAL (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on the tree removal permit approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

CARRIED

7. PROTECTION OF HERITAGE TREES (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the information regarding protection of heritage trees.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION
2830 HIGHWAY 7
PROPOSED CAIRN FOR BROWN'S CORNERS
UNITED CHURCH CEMETERY (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the memorandum on the proposed cairn at 2830 Highway 7 as information.

CARRIED

9. AWARDS
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS 2014
MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham nominate Barry Nelson, Ron Waine and Richard Morales for a 5 year Volunteer Service Award for their service to Heritage Markham.

CARRIED

10. CONSENT APPLICATION
5 ROUGE STREET MARKHAM VILLAGE
PROPOSED SEVERANCE TO CREATE
2 NEW BUILDING LOTS (16.11)
FILE NO. B/20/13
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
A. Hordylan, Committee of Adjustment
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed severance of 5 Rouge St. as described by the consent application B/20/13.

CARRIED

11. INFORMATION

26 ALBERT STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE
STATUS OF LETTER OF CREDIT (16.11)

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

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the memorandum concerning 26 Albert Street as information.

CARRIED

12. INFORMATION

LIGHT STANDARD FOR MARKHAM
HERITAGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed decorative street light approach being proposed at Markham Heritage Estates.

CARRIED

13. SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION

7 ECKARDT AVENUE
PROPOSED ADDITION TO A HERITAGE HOUSE (16.11)
FILE NO. SC 13 133134

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

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham generally supports the proposed addition to the heritage house at 7 Eckardt Avenue subject to:

- the front elevation being revised to show a reduced height for the windows on the street-facing side of the east side addition, to be more in keeping with the proportion and design of the window openings on the existing house.
- the plans being revised to show the existing basket-weave brickwork railing of the front veranda to remain, as it is an original heritage feature.
- the applicant working with Urban Design staff on an alternate pool layout that will preserve the mature walnut tree in the rear yard.

CARRIED

14. INFORMATION

10539 KENNEDY ROAD

DESIGNATION OF THE ARTHUR WEGG HOUSE

UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Heritage Planner

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive news of the designation of the Arthur Wegg House under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as information.

CARRIED

15. 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 2013 newsletter. Staff has complete copy.
- b) Toronto Historical Association: November 2013 newsletter.
- c) Heritage Canada – The National Trust: Communiqué about name change
- d) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport: email regarding change to the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

16. BUILDING OR SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

75 LANGSTAFF ROAD,

77 LANGSTAFF ROAD,

20 RUGGLES AVENUE, AND

24 RUGGLES AVENUE.

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

LANGSTAFF GATEWAY COMMUNITY (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

A. Wilson-Peebles, Assistant City Solicitor

S. DiPerna, Building Permit Administration

The Senior Heritage Planner explained that four heritage properties are being proposed to be demolished to facilitate site preparation for the new Langstaff Gateway plan.

Discussions included the challenges of preserving the buildings on site, due to grading changes and the high-density, transit-oriented nature of the development which is not conducive to the integration of the heritage buildings. Staff gave a presentation, providing details and photos of the buildings.

Staff outlined the options and advised of the applicant's proposals for each of the houses, and staff's recommendations.

The Committee discussed opportunities to retain the buildings on site, in light of the high density development in the area and the value of the land. The process and timelines for the demolition permits were outlined. A suggestion was made that the applicant delay the process and meet with Mayor Scarpitti to try to work out a solution.

Al Duffy, representing the owner, was in attendance and responded to questions regarding the technical challenges; the possibility of retaining the church or a component thereof; a commitment to preserve and restore the Munshaw House; and retaining the houses in a cluster in the woodlot (eastern section of the community). Mr. Duffy advised that the applicant has met with the Mayor on this matter already and agreed to pursue options to preserve the Munshaw House.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That subject to the applicant entering into a binding agreement with the City of Markham to preserve and restore the Munshaw House at 10 Ruggles Avenue within the Langstaff Gateway community, in a location acceptable to the City and the owner, and withdrawing the objection to the heritage designation; and,

That the applicant agrees in the same agreement to provide one or more plaques commemorating the early 20th century history of the Langstaff community to be placed in a location in the Langstaff Gateway community acceptable to the City and the owner; and further,

That Heritage Markham does not oppose the current demolition permit applications for 75 and 77 Langstaff Road, and 20 and 24 Ruggles Avenue.

CARRIED

17. AWARDS - UPDATE
HERITAGE MARKHAM AWARDS OF
EXCELLENCE 2013 (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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Staff provided an update on this matter. The date is January 29, 2014, as part of a Special Council Meeting for Community Recognition.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the update on the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence as information.

CARRIED

18. 7703 KENNEDY ROAD
PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO HERITAGE HOUSE (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
M. Fry, Project Planner
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The Heritage Planner reviewed the Stop Work Order issued for this property previously, and advised of the current Minor Variance and Site Plan applications to rectify the issue. The Committee had the notes and recommendation from the Architectural Review Sub-Committee held on September 19, 2012, for information.

The Committee had previously recommended that the property be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and that a Heritage Easement Agreement be secured.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham recommends that final review of the site plan application SC 12 114376 and minor variance application A/134/13 for 7703 Kennedy Road be delegated to Heritage Section Staff in order to implement the design revisions and conditions of site plan approval recommended by Heritage Markham in 2012.

CARRIED

19. INTENTION TO DEMOLISH
10159 MCCOWAN ROAD
INTENT TO DEMOLISH BARN BUILDINGS (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
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The Heritage Planner explained the applicant's intention to demolish the barn and retain the dwelling.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham recommends that Heritage Section staff organize a site visit for the Architectural Review Sub-Committee to inspect the barn buildings at 10159 McCowan Road with the authority to review and provide a recommendation to Council on behalf of Heritage Markham regarding the appropriateness of the demolition request.

CARRIED

20. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION
9721 KENNEDY ROAD
PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT OF
PROPERTY FOR 34 SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS (16.11)
FILE NO. ZA 13 121844
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Day, Project Planner
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The Heritage Planner advised that the building is currently used as a garden centre and the owners wish to develop the surrounding property with 34 semi-detached dwellings and to restore the existing heritage house as a single detached dwelling.

The Committee discussed the appropriate amount of land for the heritage dwelling, including the need for amenity area and potential garage, and suggested reducing the height of the adjacent semi-detached building.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham supports the proposed location and orientation of the existing heritage house at 9721 Kennedy Road shown in the proposed by-law amendment application; and,

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the demolition of the modern frame rear addition to the heritage dwelling only; and,

That the applicant either provide a larger lot for the heritage house in order to provide a larger amenity space and opportunity to construct an addition to the house and garage that will not negatively impact the heritage house and make it a more viable and desirable dwelling; or that the applicant architecturally link the heritage house to the semi-detached unit immediately to the east to achieve a more viable and desirable single living unit; and,

That the height of the attached semi be reduced to two storeys to transition to the heritage dwelling;

That the applicant provide a restoration plan for the heritage house which provides for the replication of the original bell-cast roof veranda; and,

That the applicant enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement and install a "Markham Remembered" plaque as a condition of site plan approval; and further,

That approval be delegated to Heritage Section Staff for further review and comment.

CARRIED

21. REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

A) MORGAN PARK MASTER PLAN
11 PARKWAY AVENUE,

B) LIBRARY SQUARE MASTER PLAN
6031 HIGHWAY 7, MARKHAM VILLAGE (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
L. Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Space Development

Staff reported that the Manager, Parks & Open Space Development, would be in attendance in January, 2014, to obtain Heritage Markham's feedback on proposed plans.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive as information.

CARRIED

22. NEW BUSINESS

HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Barry Nelson advised that his term on this Committee will be ending in the new year, and that he is now a member of the SPOHT executive. Mr. Nelson requested to continue to receive Heritage Markham agendas, and offered to provide presentations to the Committee regarding his future attendance at Heritage conferences and on other heritage-related matters. It was suggested that speakers and presenters at Heritage Markham be invited to sit at the members' table.

The Committee congratulated Barry on his new position.

Staff provided an update on the appointment of new members. Current members will continue to serve the Committee until February 1, 2014.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the information provided by Barry Nelson and staff regarding membership.

CARRIED

23. NEW BUSINESS

VACANT HERITAGE BUILDINGS

2920 AND 2960 16TH AVENUE (16.11)

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

The Senior Heritage Planner advised that By-law Enforcement staff have been visiting two vacant designated heritage buildings at 2920 and 2960 16th Avenue. The owners have submitted reports in support of the removal of the two structures. Site visits will be arranged for Heritage Markham in January 2014 before any recommendations are formed.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham receive the information regarding vacant heritage buildings.

CARRIED

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.