

**HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN OF MARKHAM  
Council Chambers, Markham Civic Centre**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

Councillor Valerie Burke  
Susan Casella  
Ted Chisholm  
Judith Dawson  
Deirdre Kavanagh  
Jeanne Ker-Hornell  
James Makaruk, Vice Chair  
Barry Nelson, Chair  
Ronald Waine

**Regrets**

Richard Morales  
Councillor Carolina Moretti  
Sylvia Morris

**Staff**

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

Barry Nelson, Chair, convened the meeting at 6:38 p.m. by asking for any declarations of interest with respect to items on the agenda. None were declared.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (16.11)**

- A) Addendum Agenda
- B) New Business

**HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:**

THAT the Heritage Markham agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2010  
HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Markham meeting held on December 8, 2010 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

3. PROGRESS IN 2010  
RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF  
HERITAGE MARKHAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2010 (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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The Chair congratulated the Committee members on their dedication and success in 2010, and the manner in which the public have been engaged. Staff were also recognized for their efforts on behalf of the Committee, and the Committee recognized the Chair for his leadership.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT the recognition of the contribution of Heritage Markham Members, Committee contributions and staff contributions for 2010, be received as information.

CARRIED

4. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
DELEGATED APPROVALS: BUILDING PERMITS (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

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

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION  
A/131/10  
7751 YONGE STREET  
APPLICATION TO ALLOW PRIVATE SCHOOL (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning  
R. Cefaratti, Secretary- Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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The Committee directed staff to write to the owner requesting replacement of the white shutters and muntin bars, in appropriate size and materials.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to Minor Variance Application A/131/10 for 7751 Yonge Street from a heritage perspective;

AND THAT staff be directed to write to the owner, requesting the white shutters and muntin bars previously on the building be reintroduced in appropriate size and materials.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT the following correspondence be received as information:

- a) Architectural Conservancy of Ontario: Newsletter re heritage building Fire in Toronto.
- b) Richmond Hill Public Library: Lecture series on historical research.
- c) Toronto Historical Association: January 2011 Newsletter.
- d) Ontario Historical Society: Bulletin Newsletter, December 2010.

CARRIED

7. SITE PLAN APPROVAL APPLICATION  
SC 10 131755  
8303 WARDEN AVENUE  
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS AND THE  
SHERIDAN-PATERSON HOUSE (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning  
S. Heaslip, Senior Project Coordinator
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The Manager of Heritage Planning introduced this matter and explained the reasons for the revisions to the site plan, and the recommendations of staff. Staff identified a concern

regarding the use of glass and mirrored materials on the parking garage facade, with respect to bird safety, and the Committee agreed to delete the recommendation supporting these materials.

The Committee would like to see that the restoration involves as much of the original material as possible. Discussions involved the materials and features that will be restored, and it was requested that staff use all necessary precautions to ensure the building is made secure, or that valuable features such as the fireplace mantel and moldings be removed and secured during the development of the property.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham supports all six recommendations of the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Wayne Morgan, Heritage Planner, as revised December 2009, concerning the treatment of the relocated Sheridan-Paterson Farm House within a future redevelopment proposal as well as the December 2010 amendment to the Heritage Impact Assessment revised as follows:

- The visual impact of the proposed two storey parking garage structure should be mitigated through:
  - Cladding of Warden Avenue elevation of the structure in appropriate materials that minimize the structure's visual impact, and
  - The appropriate planting of vegetation (trees and shrubs) to camouflage the structure;
- The connecting link between the tail wing of the Sheridan/Paterson House and the parking garage should be designed so that the height, width and cladding of the link are subordinate to and distinguishable from the heritage resource.”;

THAT as per the Heritage Impact Assessment recommendations, the owner prepare a strategy and exterior restoration plan for the conservation of the heritage resource undertaken by a qualified conservation architect with the plans being prepared and approved by the Manager of Heritage Planning and included in the Site Plan Agreement for the site;

THAT the heritage resource be protected during the relocation, storage and restoration process through a Heritage Letter of Credit;

THAT the conditions pertaining to the heritage resource (relocation, protection, and restoration) be included in Site Plan Agreement for the site, and include the requirement for a Heritage Letter of Credit;

AND THAT the owner immediately secures the heritage resource in accordance with municipal and heritage standards (boarding, fencing) to prevent further vandalism and deterioration, and inspect the property on a regular basis to ensure the building remains secured.

CARRIED

8. DOORS OPEN MARKHAM  
DOORS OPEN MARKHAM 2011  
ADVANCED PLANNING (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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The Senior Heritage Planner advised that the deadline to register 10 sites for the provincial guide is fast approaching, and the organizing group will have to act quickly. The date of the event will be August 27, 2011. It was suggested that a church-themed tour would be of interest, and that the Vet's Hall and St. Andrews, Markham Village, are possible venues.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham receive the item regarding Doors Open Markham as information.

CARRIED

9. SPECIAL EVENT  
HERITAGE DAY AND HERITAGE WEEK-  
FEBRUARY 2011 (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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The Manager of Heritage Planning advised that the third week of February is proclaimed as Heritage Week, and discussed the Town's planned events as well as possible events for the Committee to hold. The theme this year is Historic Parks and Landscapes. It was suggested that Pomona Mills Park be promoted, possibly with a free hot cider hand-out, or that the Thornhill representatives could arrange an educational event.

It was agreed that planning needs to occur much earlier for the Committee to be involved and to arrange for speakers and presentations. Staff was directed to bring this topic forward in April 2011, for the following year's event.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham recommends to Council that the week of February 21-27, 2011 be proclaimed as Heritage Week in the Town of Markham.

CARRIED

10. DEPUTATION  
SITE PLAN APPLICATION, EXPANDED DRIVEWAY AND PATIO  
116 MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE (16.11)  
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning  
G. Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

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The Committee received a staff memorandum dated January 12, 2011, and correspondence from Peter Wales, President of the Unionville Villager's Association, advising that the UVA had passed the following motion: "That UVA supports the residents' initiative regarding the property at 116 Main Street Unionville requesting the immediate conformity with all applicable laws, rules and regulations including those of the Town of Markham, the Ontario Heritage Act, and the TRCA."

The Senior Heritage Planner reviewed the situation at 116 Main Street. The owner has altered the property without the required approvals, involving extensive paving. Heritage Markham had taken a position of disapproval at the December 8, 2010 meeting, and staff have tried to work with the owner in resolving the matter. The owner had been notified that he had until December 31, 2010 to restore the property. Violations are also being pursued with the paving contractor, TRCA regulations, The Ontario Heritage Act, and by-law enforcement with respect to the alteration and possible commercial use of the property.

Debbie Nesbit, resident, spoke to the significant concerns of the residents with respect to the commercial use of the property, non-compliance with TRCA floodplain regulations, and particularly the disregard shown for the Town's by-laws and the Ontario Heritage Act. Ms. Nesbit recommended that full restoration of the backyard be required. Ms. Nesbit noted that she is associated with the Unionville Villager's Association, but is not representing the Association at this time.

Harry Eaglesham, 114 Main Street, another resident, noted his appreciation for the support received from Council members and staff on this issue. He cautioned against the precedent this situation may create, and questioned what consequences or penalties could be anticipated. Staff discussed remedies available to the Town.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT the deputation on behalf of local residents Debbie Nesbit and Harry Eaglesham regarding the recent alterations to the property at 116 Main Street, Unionville be received;

AND THAT the staff Memorandum dated January 12, 2011 and the motion from the Unionville Villagers Association, expressing concern regarding 116 Main Street Unionville, be received.

CARRIED

11. MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

A/138/10

352 MAIN STREET N. (16.11)

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

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The Heritage Planner reviewed the proposal for this property, and the Minor Variances required. A previous memo had been provided to the Committee in October, 2010, resulting in several recommendations which the applicant has incorporated into the plans. Staff have worked with the applicant and have no objection, with conditions and specific revisions.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham supports the required variances to the By-law to permit the construction of the proposed 2½ storey mixed office and residential building design at 352 Main St. N., as revised and submitted on December 29, 2010.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

12) WINDOWS IN HERITAGE ESTATES

The Committee noted that this issue has yet to be concluded.

13) ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Barry Nelson advised that he will be speaking on “Building a Functional Heritage Committee” at the upcoming Ontario Heritage Conference. The members were encouraged to attend the conference, as it is a valuable learning experience. Information on the conference was distributed.

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.