



DRAFT MINUTES
Heritage Advisory Committee

May 5, 2021
Electronic Meeting
Meeting No. 3

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Committee Members: Councillor Ashmeed Khan
Beverley Briggs
Neil Burnett
Paul Hébert
Anderson Mendonca Chair
Pam Pryjma, Vice Chair
Stephen White
Jeff Wood

Staff: Brenda Kriz, Records & FOI Coordinator
Michael Sawchuck, Senior Planner
Sarah Moore, Committee & Accessibility Coordinator

Regrets: Bruce Balsdon, Camille Graham

1. Call to Order

Chair Mendonca called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He gave a short introduction regarding the Committee's remote electronic meeting and noted that the meeting was being livestreamed on the Town's website.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: S. White
Seconded By: B. Briggs

That the April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

With consent of all Members, an item relating to 759 Kingston Road West – Demolition Permit was added to the agenda for discussion

4.1 244 Kingston Road East – Heritage Permit – Exterior Signage

M. Sawchuck reviewed issues with the original proposed signage and presented the revised signage design. The signs will be illuminated with goose-neck lighting and constructed of barn wood, in keeping with the heritage design of the building. M. Sawchuck advised that heritage permit approval had been granted conditional to obtaining a sign permit.

4.2 759 Kingston Road West – Demolition Permit

M. Sawchuck provided location context for the property, noting that it is uniquely landlocked. He indicated that an older home is located on the property and that the property is not a Designated Property and it is not identified on the Town's Inventory of Non-Designated Heritage Properties. The Committee reviewed several photos of the property, which depicted the Jerkinhead gables of the house, a feature found elsewhere on buildings in Pickering Village. The land was previously owned by one T O'Leary, c. 1875; it is unknown if there is any relation to settler Timothy O'Leary. Interior photos indicated poor condition of the building, including a flooded basement and water damage.

M. Sawchuck reviewed options for the Committee to support approval of the demolition permit or to designate the property. Members asked questions relative to the intended use of the property if the demolition is approved, water damage and flooding of the house, and who is responsible for repairs to the property if designated, and whether there was presence of rodents or pests. M. Sawchuck responded to questions from the Committee. Members did not object to demolition approval and expressed interest in encouraging the owner to salvage of any useable wood/materials for repurposing, where possible.

4.1 Heritage Minute Videos Project

M. Sawchuck provided a communications update on the Committee's first Heritage Minute Video, noting that Corporate Communications will work on creating a consistent format and add captioning, before sharing on the Town's social media channels. J. Wood shared a rough cut of the St. Francis Centre for Community Arts and Culture video with the Committee.

Members expressed interest in creating 2-3 videos each year. The Committee provided positive feedback on the draft video and script. M. Sawchuck suggested inclusion of a photo from the St. Wilfred Cemetery in the video. P. Pryjma inquired whether interior photos of the facility could be provided. It was decided that the next video will focus on the Old Post Inn.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Khan provided a summary of recent and upcoming Council initiatives and events, including information on Ajax Green Living Days events and the Town's spring cleaning challenge.

7. Other Business

B. Briggs shared details of a recent [Toronto Star article highlighting heritage trees](#) that featured the Heritage Oak Tree at the Ajax Waterfront.

8. Adjournment

Moved By: C. Graham
Seconded By: P. Pryjma

That the May 5, 2021 Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:30 p.m.)
CARRIED

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