



**Agenda**  
**Heritage Advisory Committee – HAC-2025-02**  
 February 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
 River Plate Room  
 65 Harwood Avenue South

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In-person attendance is permitted at this meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee. Electronic participation is permitted, on request, pursuant to the Committee’s Terms of Reference.

1. **Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
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4. **Presentation/Discussion Items**
  - 4.1. **HSMBC National Historic Event Designation [15 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.2. **Hicksite/Brown Cemetery – Capital Budget [10 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.3. **Audley Spirit Walk – Background Research [15 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.4. **Ajax’s 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Self-guided Plaque Tour [10 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.5. **Potential HCD for Neighbourhood One – Updates on Report [10 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.6. **HAC Display at St. Francis Centre – November 30, 2025 [5 minutes]** (M. Sawchuck)
  - 4.7. **George Washington Post Veteran’s Plaque Installation [5 minutes]** (P. Pryjma)
5. **Ajax Public Library Archives Update** (L. McEwan)
6. **Councillor Update**
7. **Correspondence**
8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** Wed. March 5, 2025 at 6:30pm River Plate Room, Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.



MINUTES  
Heritage Advisory Committee

December 4, 2024

River Plate Room, Ajax Town Hall

HAC-2024-09

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Committee Members: Bruce Balsdon  
Neil Burnett  
Hélène Bellerose  
Stephen White  
Paul Hébert, Co-Chair  
Jeff Wood  
Mitchell Daniels  
Tina Kessler

Staff: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist  
Michael Sawchuck, Senior Policy Planner  
Laura McEwan, Archives Services Librarian - Library  
Services (online)

Regrets: Councillor Rob Tyler Morin  
Trish Matthews  
Pam Pryjma

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**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Hébert called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. S. Moore read the Land Acknowledgement.

**2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By: M. Daniells  
Seconded By: S. White

That the November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee be approved.  
CARRIED

**4. Presentation/Discussion**

**4.1. 2024 Ajax Community Awards - Heritage**

H. Bellerose informed the Committee that T. Matthews and P. Pryjma were absent from the Meeting this evening as they were attending the Town of Ajax Community Awards Ceremony.

She noted that P. Pryjma is the 2024 recipient of the Heritage Award, and as a co-nominator alongside T. Matthews, H. Bellerose shared the nomination submission with the Committee and Members congratulated P. Pryjma in her absence.

#### **4.2. Council Presentation Re-cap**

M. Daniels provided a summary of the presentation he delivered to Council in November on behalf of the Committee. He thanked S. White and P. Hébert for their attendance in support.

Staff and Members thanked M. Daniels for representing the Committee so well.

#### **4.3. St. George's Anglican Church (77 Randall Drive) – Heritage Permit**

M. Sawchuck provided a contextual summary of the property at 77 Randall Drive. He noted an act of vandalism occurred in August 2024 that caused damage to a stained glass window on the south side of the church. A Heritage Permit application was submitted to the Town in November for the restoration, for which approval was granted. Restoration work will be undertaken by MacLeod Stained Glass.

Members asked questions regarding insurance coverage for the damage, and the necessity for a permit when the damaged piece is removed and replaced. M. Sawchuck responded to questions from the Committee, and noted the permit process acts as a check-and-balance to ensure the appropriate work is undertaken.

#### **4.4. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Property (543-549 Kingston Road West) Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER)**

M. Sawchuck provided contextual information and background of the former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church property at 543-549 Kingston Road West. He noted that the property is one of the most significant unprotected heritage properties in Ajax. Having a completed CHER on file ensures that the Town is prepared if any applications for demolition or redevelopment of the property are received. He shared a summary of the CHER contents, reviewed main findings and insights, and discussed feedback on the draft report. He noted that the subject property meets eight of the nine criteria under section 1(2) of O. Reg. 9/06. The Committee reviewed next steps, and M. Sawchuck noted that staff will forward the final report to the owner of the property and open a dialogue about potential heritage designation.

Members asked questions regarding the owner of the property, and M. Sawchuck responded.

#### **4.5. Albert Asa Post – Research**

M. Sawchuck reviewed the history and lineage of the Post family in Pickering Village and shared biographical information about Albert Asa Post, noting his prolific career and his role as the architect for several buildings in Pickering Village. He shared several images of his work.

M. Sawchuck led discussion with the Committee on commemoration options for Albert Asa Post.

Members asked questions regarding existing commemorations and expressed interest in commemorating A. A. Post in a future Heritage Minute video and historical plaque.

**4.6. Church Street South – Redevelopment Inquiries**

M. Sawchuck shared information on the heritage value of 61, 63 and 65 Church Street South – three properties that are on the Town’s inventory of Non-Designated Heritage Properties and are being targeted for redevelopment. He reviewed the zoning of the properties and noted that those who inquire about the development potential of the properties are being asked to complete a CHER to confirm their heritage value. If a demolition application is received prior to a CHER being completed, the Committee may be forced to initiate a designation so that Council can make a decision on whether to approve demolition.

Members noted concern about potential redevelopment, especially as related to the marketed land assembly at 61-65 Church Street South, and having a developer/owner source a CHER instead of the Town. M. Sawchuck reviewed the requirements for a CHER and noted the opportunity to peer-review the report if required. Members asked questions regarding whether a proposal for higher density residential development on the property would be subject to the Strong Mayor Powers of approval. Members asked about the timing of interest in development inquiries. M. Sawchuck responded to questions.

**5. Ajax Public Library Archives Update**

None.

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Update from Council**

None.

**8. Other Business**

M. Daniels acknowledged the passing of former Councillor Pat Brown and spoke about her legacy as a heritage advocate.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved By: H. Bellerose  
Seconded By: J. Woods

That the December 4, 2024 Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:45 p.m.)

CARRIED