

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

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

MINUTES

Members

Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Colin Campbell
Susan Casella
Ted Chisholm
Judith Dawson
Councillor Don Hamilton
Deirdre Kavanagh
Jeanne Ker-Hornell
Barry Nelson, Chair
Ronald Waine

Regrets

James Makaruk, Vice Chair
Richard Morales
Sylvia Morris

Staff

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
Peter Wokral, Heritage Planner
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Barry Nelson, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:15 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 JUNE 8, 2011
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 June 8, 2011 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

3. REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK
4176 NINETEENTH AVENUE
HERITAGE STATUS (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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The Senior Heritage Planner provided a review of previous discussions on this matter, and advised of a recent site visit by the Heritage Markham Committee. The Committee has evaluated the building as a Group 2 heritage building which is considered worthy of preservation. Staff explained the significance of a Group 2 classification.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, the applicants, were in attendance and requested clarification of what can be done on the property, with respect to additions, outbuildings and trees. Staff advised that the heritage value is limited to the original structure and does not include the added lean-to and outbuildings. Trees are dealt with through the Town's site plan and Tree By-law processes.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT based on the results of the evaluation as a Group 2 heritage building, Heritage Markham would not support the demolition of the house at 4176 Nineteenth Avenue as it is an integral part of a cluster of heritage buildings in the historic core of Almira;

AND THAT Heritage Markham would support the exterior restoration of the house to reinstate its appearance as a mid-19th century building within the context of a new addition to the rear, and would not oppose the removal of the lean-to rear addition to make way for a new addition;

AND THAT Heritage Markham would have no objection to the demolition of the frame accessory buildings on the property.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATION
15 CHURCH LANE
CEMETERY FENCE ERECTED WITHOUT APPROVAL (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
B. Wiles, Manager, By-Law Enforcement & Licensing
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The Senior Heritage Planner explained the circumstances regarding a five-foot high black chain-link fence along the south boundary of the Catholic cemetery. By-law Enforcement staff have visited the site and advised that a permit is required. This has not been applied for, to date. It was noted that according to the District Plans, chain-link fences are permitted in rear yards.

Adam Birrell, representing the Society for Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT), spoke in objection to the fence, stating the fence is not in keeping with the heritage character of Thornhill. He provided a written statement.

Elena Cesaroni, resident, supported Mr. Birrell's comments, and spoke of her concern that the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District Plan is not being followed.

Marion Matthias spoke of the need to adhere to the Conservation District Plan and requested the owners be required to replace the fence.

Evelin Ellison, representing the Ward One Thornhill Residents Association gave a brief presentation and displayed illustrations in support of replacing the fence with an historically-appropriate style.

The Committee noted that the property has a Class A Heritage designation and that the owner has a responsibility to adhere to the Heritage Conservation District Plan. Discussions included the height and design of the fence; interpretation of the front and rear yards of the property; and, ownership of the property.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham requests that the Catholic Cemeteries – Archdiocese of Toronto, apply for a Heritage Permit for a new south boundary fence that adheres to the Conservation District Plan;

AND THAT the fence be four feet in height to match the height of the rest of the existing cemetery fencing used both in the Catholic Cemetery and Community Cemetery.

CARRIED

5. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS
DELEGATED APPROVALS: BUILDING AND SIGN 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 and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

CARRIED

6. 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

7. TREE REMOVAL PERMITS
123 MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE, 6 ROUGE STREET AND
53 & 79 MAIN STREET SOUTH
DELEGATED APPROVAL OF TREE REMOVAL PERMITS (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
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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

8. INFORMATION
158 MAIN STREET NORTH
ALTERATION TO A PROPERTY WITHOUT APPROVAL (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
B. Wiles, Manager, By-Law Enforcement & Licensing
J. Parsons, Court Administration Coordinator
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham receive the memorandum on the alterations at 158 Main Street North, Markham Village, as information.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION
FILE NUMBER: A/66/11
99 THOROUGHBRED WAY
GARAGE ADDITION (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
S. Corr, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the approval of Minor Variance Application A/66/11 for 99 Thoroughbred Way.

CARRIED

10. REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK
7 ROUGE STREET, MARKHAM VILLAGE
PROPOSED NEW DWELLING (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the revisions to the proposed design for a new single detached house with an attached garage at 7 Rouge Street;

AND THAT the applicant enter into a Site Plan Agreement with the Town containing the usual provisions regarding colour, materials, windows, etc.;

AND THAT final approval of the Site Plan Application be delegated to Heritage Section Staff.

CARRIED

11. 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: ACORN Newsletter, June 8, 2011.
- b) Architectural Conservancy of Ontario: Market Gallery issue.
- c) Ontario Heritage Trust: Heritage Matters Magazine, May/June 2011
- d) Toronto Historical Association- Newsletter, July, 2011.

CARRIED

12. INFORMATION
INSPECTION TOUR- MARKHAM HERITAGE ESTATES (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
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The Heritage Planner reported on the inspection tour and the conclusions of the tour group, with the goal of avoiding escalation of non-compliance and enforcement incidents. A proposal was brought forward to establish a subcommittee that would prepare criteria to monitor non-compliance and guide the subcommittee and staff in taking appropriate actions.

It was confirmed that many of the residents have indicated a concern for non-compliance issues, and that some residents were aware of the inspection tour. Caution was given against creating neighbourhood friction. It was recommended that the subcommittee review time frames and ensure progress is being made on long-term projects.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham recommends that members of the Heritage Markham Committee (Ron Waine and Barry Nelson) and one member of Heritage Section staff (Peter Wokral) form the Markham Heritage Estates Compliance Sub-Committee and undertake to meet with the owner of each non-compliant property on-site to review the deficiencies and chart an appropriate course of action to address the deficiencies;

AND THAT the Ward Councillor, Carolina Moretti, be invited to participate.

CARRIED

13. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION

FILE NUMBER: A/59/11

14 RAMONA BLVD., MARKHAM VILLAGE

DRIVEWAY/GARAGE (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

S. Corr, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

The Senior Heritage Planner advised that revised driveway plans have been submitted, and staff are requesting the review be delegated to staff.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham delegates its review of the proposed driveway variance to Heritage Section staff.

CARRIED

14. AWARDS

HERITAGE MARKHAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

UPDATE ON PLANNING (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Susan Casella provided a verbal update from the Sub-Committee meeting held earlier this day, and provided options for dates for the Awards to be held, and described several suggested properties to be nominated. The Committee was requested to submit nominations by the August Heritage Markham meeting, and to advise George Duncan by e-mail as soon as possible, regarding which date is preferable: November 2 or November 10.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT information regarding the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence be received;

AND THAT Committee members submit nominations by the August Heritage Markham meeting, and advise George Duncan regarding the preferred date: November 2 or November 10.

CARRIED

15. DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION 11 120890 DP
ACCESSORY BUILDING, REAR ADDITIONS TO HERITAGE HOUSE
10761 WOODBINE AVENUE
VICTORIA SQUARE COMMUNITY (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning,
L. Sperino, Building Department
G. Sellars, Project Planner
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The Senior Heritage Planner explained the application and advised that staff have no concerns, since the items to be demolished are consistent with what Heritage Markham has understood from previous meetings.

The Committee acknowledged the applicant's cooperation, and requested any salvageable materials be donated.

The applicant, Elena Cesaroni, was in attendance, and agreed to donate any materials from the barn that will not be reused.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the demolition of the accessory building at 10761 Woodbine Avenue, or to the removal of the rear additions to the heritage house subject to the owner obtaining any required approvals, or to the removal of the aluminum siding on the house.

CARRIED

16. SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION SC 11 118063
PROPOSED NEW HOUSE AND DETACHED GARAGE
16 RAMONA BOULEVARD
MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Duncan, Project Planner
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The Senior Heritage Planner gave a brief history of the severed lot and advised that the owners are proposing an acceptable design. The property is within the Heritage District, but the house to the east is not in the District. Staff confirmed that the area above the garage is not an accessory residence.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham supports the design of the proposed house and detached garage subject to the applicant entering into a Site Plan Agreement containing the usual clauses regarding materials, colours, etc.;

AND THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to variances required to construct the detached garage or residence in accordance with the plans as submitted.

CARRIED

17. BUILDING RELOCATION
41 ALBERT STREET
MARKHAM VILLAGE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Duncan, Project Planner
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The Senior Heritage Planner advised that a conceptual plan had previously been before the Committee, and dismantling of the building on the property, a cottage, had not been supported. The owners are now proposing to relocate the cottage on the property and convert it into a pool house and studio. The Committee specified that the front porch be retained and that the project be done in a timely manner.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the approval of an application for partial demolition of the house at 41 Albert Street, limited to the rear and side additions and old foundation, to enable the house to be raised, along with the front porch, and stored on site pending approval of a site plan control application and a future building permit to enable the conversion of the oldest part of the building to a pool house and studio;

AND THAT the owner be required to submit a Letter of Undertaking with an associated financial security of \$10,000 to ensure the preservation of the building during the interim phase until such time as it is successfully lowered onto a new foundation.

CARRIED

18. MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION A/72/11
159 MAIN STREET
UNIONVILLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
S. Corr, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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The Senior Heritage Planner provided background on this proposal. A Minor Variance is required to satisfy the parking space requirement for office use on the second floor.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham has no comments concerning Minor Variance Application A/72/11 for 159 Main Street, Unionville.

CARRIED

19. HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION HE 11 122231
STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT
2 AND 15 CHURCH LANE (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning;
Councillor V. Burke, Ward Councillor
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The Senior Heritage Planner explained that pole-mounted street lights have been requested to be changed to a suitable Heritage design, as it is in the core of the Heritage District.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham supports the replacement of non-heritage style street lights on Church Lane with a heritage style to create a consistent street lighting treatment.

CARRIED

20. NEW BUSINESS (16.11)

The Committee requested staff to follow up on a Motion of Council several months ago regarding the windows at the Post Office.

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.