

# MINUTES



## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011 - 9:00 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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### Members Present

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Chair)

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)

James Holmes, Citizen Member

Bernie Hu, Citizen Member

Rick Mateljan, Citizen Member

Gay Peppin, Citizen Member

Michael Spaziani, Citizen Member

Matthew Wilkinson, Citizen Member

### Members Absent

Mohammed Haque, Citizen Member

Craig Lawrence, Citizen Member

### Staff Present

Susan Burt, Director of Arts and Culture

Elaine Eigl, Heritage Coordinator

Darshana Sachania, Legal Counsel

Penny Young, Senior Heritage Coordinator (Acting)

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:07 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

The Chair acknowledged and welcomed two deputants regarding Item 2 and advised that they would be heard during consideration of Item 2.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2010.

Approved (M. Wilkinson)

NEW BUSINESS – DEPUTATIONS

- A. Item 2 Jonathan James, Vice President, Centre City Capital Limited, with respect to a proposed heritage designation, Port Credit Post Office, Customs House and Armoury, 31 Lakeshore Road East, Ward 1.

Mr. James indicated that Centre City Capital Limited recently purchased the property from Canada Post. Due to the short notice of the meeting, he was not able to consult heritage, planning, and legal experts. Mr. James is a long-time Port Credit resident and indicated that his company is sensitive to community issues and values this site.

Mr. James advised that his company will be submitting development plans that adhere to the zoning and retain the property's elevations and layout, in accordance with Ms. Burt's November 25, 2010 letter which confirmed that the designation by-law would only include the exterior of the original two-storey portion of the northeast corner of the property. Mr. James expressed concern about differences between Ms. Burt's letter and the draft designation by-law attached to the January 14, 2011 Corporate Report.

Mr. James noted that his company will work with City staff and the community to redevelop the property. In response to a question by the Committee, he advised that his company's plans for the property include retail uses on the ground floor and offices and conference facilities on upper floors. The loading docks and parking lot may be changed.

Committee members discussed the property's walls, the plans for the property, the City's heritage grant program, and the two trees located on the rear of the property.

- B. Item 2 Dorothy Tomiuk, Chair, VIVA Port Credit, with respect to a proposed heritage designation, Port Credit Post Office, Customs House and Armoury, 31 Lakeshore Road East, Ward 1.

Ms. Tomiuk presented a PowerPoint presentation on the efforts of citizens/ratepayers' groups to preserve the property. In mid-2009, the Town of Port Credit Association asked local architect Michael Spaziani to develop a community-driven vision for the property.

Ms. Tomiuk said that VIVA Port Credit considers the property's two trees to be culturally significant to the community. She advised that the trees are London planes or American Sycamores that are approximately 60 years old. Ms. Tomiuk spoke about the property's original western wall which VIVA Port Credit considers significant.

Ms. Tomiuk presented Mr. Spaziani's vision which includes the original Post Office building connected by an atrium to a three- or four-storey addition with main street commercial uses and the retention of the property's two trees. Ms. Tomiuk noted that parking should not drive the adaptive reuse design, that sympathetic materials should be used as much as possible, and that mixed use development was welcome. Citizens and ratepayers' groups look forward to working with the developer and City on this property.

Committee members spoke about the different options for the property's two trees.

2. Proposed Heritage Designation, Port Credit Post Office, Customs House and Armoury, 31 Lakeshore Road East, Ward 1

Corporate Report dated January 14, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to a proposed heritage designation for the Port Credit Post Office, Customs House and Armoury located at 31 Lakeshore Road East.

Ms. Burt recommended that this matter be deferred and that the proponent be asked to provide a Heritage Impact Statement. She noted that staff would work with the owner and the community to develop a plan for the property and return this matter to the Committee.

Recommendation

HAC-0001-2011

That the proposed heritage designation of the Port Credit Post Office, Customs House and Armoury, 31 Lakeshore Road East, be deferred pending the owner's submission of a Heritage Impact Statement that is satisfactory to Culture Division staff.

Deferred (J. Tovey)

3. Heritage Advisory Committee and Related Staff Milestones: 2010 Year in Review

Corporate Report dated January 17, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to Heritage Advisory Committee and Related Staff Milestones: 2010 Year in Review.

Ms. Young summarized the Corporate Report and highlighted several accomplishments, including the heritage grant program and various public awareness initiatives.

Committee members added and/or amended several 2010 accomplishments. In particular, the Committee's display board was completed by the Public Awareness Subcommittee, a heritage plaque was installed at Heritage House Dental (Forster-Finan House), the Heritage Four Lecture Series was renamed the Heritage Speakers Series, and the former Streetsville Village Hall (280 Queen Street South), now home to the Streetsville Business Improvement Association, was rehabilitated.

Mr. Spaziani requested an update from Ms. Young on the archaeological investigations at the Mississauga (sic.) Golf and Country Club. Ms. Young noted that a memorandum would be on the Committee's next agenda. She noted that archaeological investigations occurred due to grading and construction. The archaeologist completed their work in late 2010 and monitored the installation of irrigation lines. The City, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and the Ministry of Culture have been involved with this matter.

Committee members spoke about the significance of the archaeological investigations, ways to commemorate and protect the site, the Mississauga (sic.) Golf and Country Club's 1930s survey plan, public access along the Credit River, having a presentation from Heritage Mississauga staff on the Credit Mission site, and having Heritage staff and/or others regularly update the Committee without jeopardizing the investigations.

Ms. Young advised that she would ask the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation whether they have any concerns about the Committee being apprised of updates regarding the archaeological investigations at the Mississauga (sic.) Golf and Country Club.

#### Recommendation

HAC-0002-2011

That the report, from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated January 17, 2011, entitled "Heritage Advisory Committee and Related Staff Milestones: 2010 Year in Review," be received for information.

Received (M. Wilkinson)

#### 4. Status of Outstanding Issues from Heritage Advisory Committee

Chart dated January 31, 2011 identifying the status of outstanding issues from the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wilkinson requested an update on the designation of Cordingley House. Ms. Eigl advised that she would follow up on this matter and report back to the Committee.

Councillor Carlson advised that the Port Credit Air Cadets would be moving into the Russell Langmaid School in the near future.

Councillor Carlson requested an update on the Dowling House. Ms. Young advised that Heritage staff is working with the property's owner and agents on a new conservation plan and the property standards order in an effort to eventually issue a heritage permit.

Councillor Tovey requested an update on the firing range. Ms. Young advised that staff is working with Legal Services staff on this matter and will update the Committee shortly.

Ms. Burt indicated that Ms. Young was leaving the City of Mississauga for a position at the City of Brampton and that the workload of Heritage staff would be prioritized in the next four weeks. The Committee thanked Ms. Young for her work on the Committee.

#### Recommendation

HAC-0003-2011

That the chart identifying the status of the outstanding issues from the Heritage Advisory Committee as at January 31, 2011, be received.

Received (J. Holmes)

#### 5. Status of Subcommittees/Ad Hoc Committees – Verbal Report from Chairs

##### 5.1 Heritage Designation Subcommittee

Mr. Wilkinson indicated that there was no update.

##### 5.2 Public Awareness Subcommittee

Ms. Peppin noted that the display board, which will be stored in the Office of the City Clerk, should be used in conjunction with current information such as pamphlets and the heritage newsletter to be most effective and up-to-date.

##### 5.3 Heritage Tree Subcommittee

Ms. Peppin noted that the Subcommittee was meeting with staff regarding draft heritage tree by-law proposals. She also advised that Oakville's Town Council designated its first stand-alone tree, a white oak tree on Bronte Road, late in 2010.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday February 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers

#### OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 a.m. (J. Tovey)