



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Heritage Barrie Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

7:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Development Services Committee on May 14, 2013.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met at 7:00 p.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.
The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:

Michael Johns, Committee Chair
Councillor, Doug Shipley
Councillor, Barry Ward (joined the meeting at 8:06 p.m.)
Chris Tribble, Committee Member
Kathleen Fry, Committee Member
Robert Tinkess, Committee Member
Ellen Anderson, Committee Member.

Staff:

Kathy Brislin, Senior Policy Planner
Shannon Crawley, Recording Secretary.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Bill Dee, Director of the Barrie Kiwanis Club, provided a brief history of the property at 147 Toronto Street, and outlined the proposed development application. Mr. Dee described the property and indicated that a substantial amount of money has been invested in maintenance and upgrades for the property. He provided information regarding the interested buyer and explained that the purpose of the application is to sever the property and remove the heritage designation from the southern portion. Mr. Dee expressed the need for a timely completion of this process.

Mr. Dee provided a report on the property's trees produced by Gary Ross, certified landscape designer. Mr. Ross explained that neglect over the past several decades has resulted in a number of dangerous trees on the property. Mr. Ross provided a slide show of images of the trees in question.

Members of the committee asked questions related to the information provided and received responses from the presenter and City staff.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

1. That the City's Urban Forester be requested to review 147 Toronto Street site and provide a memorandum to the Development Services Committee on the sustainability of the southern portion of the property as a wooded area from a heritage preservation perspective.
2. That upon approval of the severance application and should confirmation from the City's urban forester be received that the wooded area is unsustainable from a heritage preservation perspective, staff be authorized to take the necessary steps under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, to amend By-law 92-33 to change the designation of 147 Toronto Street to reflect the following changes:
 - a) The inclusion of a list the significant Heritage attributes /features applicable to the building on the northern half of the property, based on the building features and attributes referenced in the description of Schedule B, "Reasons for Designation" to By-law 92-33; and
 - b) Exclude the southern half as a designated portion.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM - HERITAGE COMPETITION DISCUSSION

Michael Johns provided an update regarding the Communities in Bloom Competition and heritage sites in the City of Barrie.

CULTURAL HERITAGE STRATEGY UPDATE

There was no update at this time.

HERITAGE REGISTER

Kathy Brislin, Senior Policy Planner for the City of Barrie's Planning Department, explained that a letter and a list are being drafted for the Heritage Register.

BARRIE HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2013 UPDATE

The Committee discussed the need to make a decision on the nomination and award process. The item was deferred to the next Heritage Barrie Committee meeting.

SUMMER STUDENT RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Committee determined that the hiring of a student for the 2013 summer is not feasible and established the requirements for hiring a summer student in 2014.

HERITAGE BARRIE BUDGET UPDATE

M. Johns provided an update on the Heritage Barrie budget, and he noted that the budget has been reduced from previous years.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE ONTARIO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

M. Johns advised the Committee that membership with Community Heritage Ontario is up for renewal. The Committee unanimously decided to renew the membership.

HERITAGE WORKSHOP - MINISTRY OF TOURISM CULTURE AND SPORT VERBAL UPDATE FROM ATTENDEES

K. Fry provided a summary of the discussion topics at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sports Heritage Workshop. She noted that the event was well attended by other municipalities and was worthwhile.

HISTORIC MAPLE HILL PROPERTY BARRIE EXAMINER ARTICLE DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed an article in the Barrie Examiner dated April 5, 2013 entitled "Historic Maple Hill property comes with tight restrictions".

The Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN