

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017

Item 35, Report No. 26, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 27, 2017.

**35 HYDRO BOX PLASTIC WRAP SCREENING PROJECT
PART OF LOT 24 CONCESSION 8 - KLEINBURG-NASHVILLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT, DESIGNATED UNDER PART V, ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
WARD 1 - VICINITY OF ISLINGTON AVENUE AND STEGMAN'S MILL ROAD**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Development Planning and the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, dated May 17, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Heritage Vaughan Committee, *forwards the following report without recommendation* from its meeting of May 17, 2017 (Item 2, Report No. 4) for Council's consideration:

Report of the Director of Development Planning and the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, dated May 17, 2017

Recommendation

The Director of Development Planning and the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, in consultation with the Manager of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, recommend:

1. THAT Heritage Vaughan approve the proposed Hydro Box Plastic Wrap Screening Project, for the existing hydro box located partially in the public right-of-way and on the front of the private property municipally known as 10462 Islington Avenue within the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District under Section 42 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) That the Version 2 Frame Design as shown in Attachment #10 be selected as the preferred option for the hydro box screen.
 - b) Any significant changes to the proposal may require reconsideration by the Heritage Vaughan Committee, which shall be determined at the discretion of the Director of Development Planning in consultation with the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage and the Manager of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the goals and objectives within Green Directions Vaughan, the City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan, specifically:

Goal 4: To create a vibrant community where citizens, business and visitors thrive

Objective 4.1: "To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage"

Economic Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report. The cost of installation is being paid through a private donation. The Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry

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Operations Department has confirmed that no additional maintenance costs will be incurred for this proposed hydro box.

Communications Plan

All materials related to the Heritage Vaughan Committee are posted on the City's website.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Heritage Vaughan approval for a proposed Hydro Box Screening Project, located partially in the public right-of-way and on the front of the private property municipally known as 10462 Islington Avenue. In accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, all alterations within the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District require Heritage Vaughan and Council approval.

Timeline

This application is subject to the 90 day review under the Ontario Heritage Act. This application was declared complete on April 21, 2017, and must be deliberated upon by July 20, 2017, to meet the 90 day timeline.

Background

The existing hydro box is located in both the municipal right-of-way and the front yard of a private property at 10462 Islington Avenue (see Attachment #1 – Location Map). The hydro box currently has a wooden screening structure as shown in the photos on Attachment #11 built around it that does not conform with Alectra Utilities regulations. Accordingly, Alectra Utilities requires that the City of Vaughan remove this screening structure. The result of removing the decorative screening is that the existing hydro box will be exposed within the Islington Avenue streetscape. The Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations Department has been working with the private land owner of 10462 Islington Avenue to address the visual appearance of the Hydro box within the HCD streetscape and in regards to this proposed project.

Proposed Alteration

The Owner of the property at 10462 Islington Avenue is proposing a City of Vaughan project for the installation of decorative plastic wrap screening on the surface of the existing hydro box that conforms with Alectra Utilities' regulations. The proposed screen wrap will be located on all four vertical elevations of the existing hydro box as shown in Attachments #3 and #4. The proposed screen wrap is a 15mil 3M fleet vinyl wrap with overlam and is 52" by 57" in size.

The custom wrap design will consist of 16 archival photos of historic Kleinburg Village (see Attachments #5 to #8). The selection of these images has been collaboratively reviewed and in consultation with the City of Vaughan Ward 1 Councillor, City of Vaughan Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations Department, the Urban Design and Cultural Heritage Division, the Kleinburg Business Improvement Association (KBIA), and the Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association (KARA). The Owner is proposing two alternative frame designs for the photographs, as shown in Attachment #9 and Attachment #10, respectively:

- Version 1: Black frames surrounding the photographs
- Version 2: Gradient grey frames surrounding the photographs

The proposed Version 2 is the preferred option of Cultural Heritage Staff, as this design option presents better uniformity in colour scheme with the archival photographs. It is the opinion of Cultural Heritage Staff that the gradient grey frames blend the photographs to form a more uniform overall design.

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The City of Vaughan will the remove wooden housing structure and power wash the utility box surface before the vinyl wrap is installed.

Analysis

The following are the relevant Goals, Policies, and Guidelines with which this proposal is consistent:

Section 5.2.1 Townscape

To ensure that landscape, streetscape, and infrastructure improvements enhance the heritage character of the District.

- The proposed hydro box screen wrap will enhance the heritage character of the District as it will integrate archival photographs of the Village of Kleinburg into the streetscape. The proposed screen wrap will provide an opportunity to communicate the history of the Village of Kleinburg in a tangible way within the pedestrian environment.

To encourage visual de-emphasis of non-heritage service functions such as parking facilities and utilities by inconspicuous location, planting, masking, and integration with elements that are sympathetic to the heritage character of the District.

- The proposed hydro box screen wrap will provide a visual de-emphasis of the existing hydro box, which is otherwise unsympathetic to the heritage character of the HCD.

Section 6.4.2 Streetscape

Streetscape elements in the Kleinburg core serve as physical markers reinforcing the special quality of the street.

- The proposed screen wrap will serve as a physical marker and tool to communicate the special quality of the street through archival photographs that illustrate the Village of Kleinburg's heritage.

Upgrades and replacements to street and pedestrian lighting fixtures, street furniture, and amenities shall be evaluated in terms of their impact on the heritage character of the District.

- The proposed hydro box screen wrap has been evaluated in terms of its impact on the heritage character of the District, as discussed above in Section 5.2.1 policies.

Based on the above analysis, the proposed hydro box screen wrap project is in conformity with the policies of the Kleinburg-Nashville HCD Plan.

Cultural Landscape

This proposal does not contemplate any changes to topography or vegetation.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report relates to the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018) by supporting the following initiatives:

- Invest, renew and manage infrastructure and assets
- Continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens
- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

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Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Urban Design and Cultural Heritage Division of the Development Planning Department together with the Transportation Services, Parks and Forest Operations Department are satisfied that the proposed Hydro Box Plastic Wrap Screening Project conforms to the policies and guidelines of the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District Plan. Accordingly, staff support Heritage Vaughan's approval of the proposed alterations under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Site Map
3. Screen Wrapping: North and West Face
4. Screen Wrapping: South and East Face
5. Archival Photos: North Face Design
6. Archival Photos South Face Design
7. Archival Photos East Face Design
8. Archival Photos: West Face Design
9. Frame Design: Version 1
10. Frame Design: Version 2
11. Photos of Existing Structure over the Hydro Box April 21, 2017

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)