

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – JANUARY 25, 2021

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Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival Sign Proposal

Vaughan City Council Meeting Monday January 25, 2021



Proposal to install a Binder Twine sign at the Kline House



Suggested Changes for the sign:
Under the banner
“**SEPTEMBER**” remove the
black date box and add:
“**1967-2018**”

**Sign is not to scale

Other Items

- ▶ Remove signs from their current locations
- ▶ Amend one sign
- ▶ Install sign on or at the Kline House
- ▶ Time lines?
- ▶ Questions?



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Communication - C2
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 1

DATE: January 20, 2021

TO: Hon. Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Michael Coroneos, DCM, Corporate Services, City Treasurer & CFO
Dean Ferraro, Director of Financial Services/Deputy City Treasurer

RE: **Agenda Item # 1, Committee of the Whole (2), January 25, 2021**
INTERIM PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2021 – ALL WARDS

Recommendation

1. That the second paragraph in the **Background** section of the subject report be amended to read as follows:

Background

As noted above, the Interim levy can be paid in three equal instalments due March, April and May. Further, taxpayers have the option to enroll in the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment (PTP) instalment due date payment plan for interim and final billing or the ten-month instalment plan for 2021. The withdrawals for the due date payment plan will be made on the Interim billings' instalment due date and the withdrawals for the 10-month plan will be made on the first banking day of each month from March to December. The monthly instalment plan for 2021 will be ten (10) instalments due to the transition to new property tax software in January. It is expected that the plan will revert back to the 11-month plan (January to November) for 2022.

For more information, contact Maureen Zabiuk, Manager of Property Tax & Assessment, ext.8268

Respectfully submitted by

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Michael Coroneos, CPA, CMA
Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, City Treasurer
& Chief Financial Officer



**Communication : C4
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 8**

DATE: January 22, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Todd Coles, City Clerk

RE: **COMMUNICATION – ITEM 8, REPORT NO. 3
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 25, 2021**

**EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE
REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That the two vacancies on the Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force be filled with candidates from the applications received in the previous recruitment and set out in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated January 25, 2021, as Confidential Attachment 1.

Purpose

A further resignation from the Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force was received after the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 25, 2021 was distributed and published. Member Peter Badali tendered his resignation on January 20, 2021.


Consequently, it is requested that Council select two candidates from the confidential attachment provided to fill the vacancies on the Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force.

As an alternative to appointing two new members, Committee may wish to consider revising the Terms of Reference for the Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force. The Terms of Reference currently requires a maximum of nine individuals, in addition to two Members of Council.

A reduction in the number of members will also result in a corresponding reduction in quorum. With the existing 11 members (2 Members of Council plus 9 individuals) meeting quorum is 6 members. Should the membership requirement be reduced to a total of nine members, quorum would then be five members.

For more information, contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, Ext. 8281.

Respectfully,

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Todd Coles
City Clerk

**Communication : C5
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 3**

From: Clerks@vaughan.ca
To: [Britto, John](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Committee of the Whole (2) Item #3 Jan 25, 2021
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:40:04 AM

From: Nina.S. & Roger Dickinson
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:47 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Committee of the Whole (2) Item #3 Jan 25, 2021

I have read the report and totally agree with the staff recommendations. The powers of Council and the Public must be maintained to ensure that their input is obtained in the planing process.

Sincerely,

Roger Dickinson

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Communication : C6
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 14

From: Valerie Burke [REDACTED]
Sent: January-22-21 10:39 AM
To: Bellisario, Adelina <Adelina.Bellisario@vaughan.ca>
Cc: Shefman, Alan <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca>; Guy, Katrina <Katrina.Guy@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] 46 Street Centre, Historic Thornhill - Committee of the Whole (2)

Attention: Clerks Department

The following is my written submission to the Committee of the Whole (2).

I have attached my Request to Speak Form below. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Valerie Burke

City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole (2)

Monday, January 25, 2021 – 1 pm

Restoration, addition and new office-residential mixed-use construction
Adaptive reuse of existing heritage structure located at
46 Centre Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District
Submission by Valerie Burke

To the Members of the Committee of the Whole:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you about this application.

The historic loyalist cottage located at 46 Centre Street is a significant building within Historic Thornhill Village. Restoration and use of this building are positive outcomes; however, I have the following concerns and recommendations regarding this application.

Historical Integrity

I strongly object to the removal of the second floor and staircase of the historic loyalist cottage because it will severely diminish the character and historical integrity! I also object to the removal of the tail wing addition because it is complementary to the heritage asset.

Windows

The proposed large format glazing on the north elevations of Buildings A and B will create an extremely modern look and is not compatible to the Heritage Conservation District. This glazing will be very visible from the public laneway, Park Road to the north. Modern glazing on the south elevation of Building B will not enhance the heritage streetscape.

I recommend the use of more traditional mullion windows on Buildings A and B in order to enhance the Heritage Conservation District Centre Street and laneway streetscape.

Trees

Existing

It is extremely unsustainable that almost every tree on the property is proposed to be removed! The guidelines state "avoid destruction of mature trees". Section 9.7.1 states "Suitable new planting and management of existing flora are a primary means of ensuring the health of the entire ecosystem; plants

contribute to stormwater and groundwater management, erosion control and provide habitat and nutrition for wild fauna.”

Thornhill is very prone to flooding and we need to increase the tree canopy rather than diminish it. Mature trees are an integral part of the character, uniqueness and beauty of the historic village. They provide multiple natural capital benefits to the health and wellbeing of our community and offset the bottom line of municipalities. Once cut, we will not experience the benefits and beauty of these mature trees in our lifetime.

Mature trees 7, 9, 12 and 13 are of specific concern because the report states they will not be expected to survive. These mature trees should be given a chance especially since they are located within the proposed landscape strip. For example, Tree T7 (Norway spruce) is located in the far northeast corner of the property and will definitely not interfere with the parking lot. Tree T9 and Tree T12 are white spruce and are located within the landscape strip.

New Trees

New trees should be native species with a long warranty period so as to ensure their survival. I recommend that trees which cannot be planted on the site be planted in close proximity, within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District. Thornhill Park is an excellent candidate and could benefit from more trees.

Landscaping

Landscaping is an important heritage attribute. The site needs more robust landscaping. I recommend that the existing cedar hedge on the east side of the property be protected and replanted in areas of decline. Native wildflowers, pollinator-friendly plants and milkweed should be planted to encourage monarch butterflies, bees and other important pollinators.

Signage and New Outdoor Lighting

The Centre Street signage should be similar to the existing traditional heritage signage. New outdoor lighting should be heritage-style and night-sky compliant (downwards facing) so as to prevent unnecessary, harmful light pollution.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke



The Society for the Preservation of
HISTORIC THORNHILL

Established 1974
Incorporated 1980

Communication : C7
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 14

January 25, 2021

Re: Restoration, addition and new office-residential mixed-use construction – adaptive reuse of existing heritage structure located at 46 Centre Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

To the members of the Committee of the Whole;

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT) were pleased to see that this application included the exterior restoration of the original Martin House at 46 Centre St.

However, SPOHT opposes the proposal to demolish the later-19thC tail wing. The Thornhill-Vaughan Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan calls only for the removal of additions or features that are uncomplimentary or obstructive to the original structure. Our perspective is that the tail wing (excluding the late 20thC addition) is indeed complementary to the original home, and its demolition would only serve to diminish the architectural value of this structure as a whole.

SPOHT also objects to the proposal to remove the second floor structure in the front section of the existing house as well as the stairway within the same section (as observed in the proposed section drawings of the application to Heritage Vaughan). These features are integral to the historical fabric of this house and the understanding of this building's former function as a home. The removal of these integral structural features would negate future opportunities for the adaptive re-use of the historic portions of this structure. Historical value aside, the reduction in usable floor space within a structure would also seem to run counter to the objective of intensification that this area is supposed to support.

We recommend that any proposed addition incorporate the tail wing structure within the final design.

The proposed Building B would appear (from the submitted drawings) to have window openings that are covered by sliding "shutters". From the renderings, the proposed windows would appear to be of a modern design, lacking in divisions or mullions. Given the reasonable expectation that these shutters will remain open during the building's use, the design of the windows behind them should be compliant with window design guidelines of the HCD Plan.

Further to that, the window openings on the north elevation of Building B and the addition to Building A fill the entire wall and are also lacking in mullions. This would be acceptable in an enclosed private yard. However, given that this extension and new construction will face the public road of Park Rd., a window treatment with mullions / divisions. The use of heritage-style window treatments would be consistent with recent additions to both 18 and 24 Centre St., which, similar to 46 Centre St., also have a public exposure to Park Rd. to the north.

Finally, the proposed removal of the majority of the tree coverage in this lot is excessive. Mature tree coverage in this neighbourhood is one of the features that makes it so great. The City should be doing everything possible to promote the retention of healthy tree stock when new development is proposed. New plantings should not be promoted as an equitable alternative to the preservation of existing mature trees..

Sincerely,

Pam Birrell

President,
The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT)
president@thornhillhistoric.org
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From: Clerks@vaughan.ca
To: [Britto, John](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Committee of the Whole
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 1:11:41 PM

**Communication : C8
Committee of the Whole (2)
January 25, 2021
Item # 14**

From: Evelin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Committee of the Whole

Clerks Department

The following is my written submission to the Committee of the Whole (2).

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Thank you.

To the Members of the Vaughan Committee of the WHole:
46 Centre Street

We cherish and want to preserve the entire Thornhill Heritage Conservation District and commend any restoration and Heritage landscape preservation.

We are in support of the restoration of the Historic Loyalist Cottage at 46 Centre Street but oppose the removal of the second floor and staircase and the original fireplace as they are integral features of the historic building.

The proposed Building B should be lower height so that it doesn't overpower the adjacent houses. All new windows should be more traditional mullions because they will be visible to the public and should be more in keeping with the Heritage District.

The mature trees and landscape are important Heritage attributes and should be preserved. They are essential to mitigating stormwater in flood-prone Thornhill.

Sincerely,

Evelin Ellison