



## Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee Minutes

May 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Hybrid Meeting  
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Margaret Clayton  
Lisa Johnson  
Richard Klingler  
Rick McDonnell  
Don Mitchell  
Paul Rolland, Vice-Chair  
Terry Standish

Regrets: Deanna Hollister, Chair  
Vincent Santamaura  
Brian Winter, Honourary Member

Also Present: Councillor Yamada, Mayor's Designate  
Lori Tesolin, Principal Planner, Policy and Heritage Planning  
David Johnson, Staff Liaison, Planner II, Heritage  
Matthew Lucic, Heritage Summer Student  
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order
  2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Rick McDonnell

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee minutes of March 11, 2025 be approved.

## **Carried**

### 4. Presentations

#### 4.1 David Johnson, Planner II, Heritage Policy and Heritage Planning, Town of Whitby

Re: Heritage Designation Presentation for 725, 740, and 835 Columbus Road West

**Note:** This matter was deferred to a future Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee meeting.

### 5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

### 6. General Business and Reports

#### 6.1 Heritage Summer Student Introduction

Matthew Lucic, Heritage Summer Student, provided a brief introduction of himself.

#### 6.2 Whitby Farmers' Market and Home Sweet Home Festival Updates

David Johnson provided an update regarding the Whitby Farmers' Market and Home Sweet Home Festival.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- volunteers for the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee booth for History in the Park on June 22, 2025, the Home Sweet Home Festival on July 26, 2025, and the Whitby Farmers' Market in August; and,
- theme ideas for the Home Sweet Home Festival booth including the Whitby Homefront Activities during WWI and WWII, Camp X recognizance practice missions, and Soldiers Returning Home from WWI and WWII.

#### 6.3 Official Plan Review Update

Lori Tesolin provided an update regarding the Official Plan Review which included:

- the four focus areas of the Official Plan Review including Focus Area 1 - Whitby GO Protected Major Transit Station Area, Focus

Area 2 - Strategic Growth Areas, Nodes and Corridors, Focus Area 3 - Growing around Brooklin - New Urban Expansion Area, and Focus Area 4 - Preparing for Growth to 2051;

- details about Focus Area 4;
- continuing conservation of cultural heritage and archaeological resources, and exploring a possible archaeological master plan; and,
- exploring adaptive re-use policies.

A question and answer period ensued regarding whether significant changes to the Official Plan were expected.

## 7. Council Update

Councillor Yamada provided updates from the May 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, including:

- the Columbus Road Phase 1 construction from Country Lane to Ashburn Road;
- the 2026 Budget Schedule and Engagement;
- the Economic Development Trade Mission led by the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Division; and,
- information about proposed outdoor viewing parties for the NHL playoffs hosted by the Town in Downtown Whitby.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether provisions exist in the *Municipal Act, 2001* that could limit Strong Mayor Powers;
- additional details about Columbus Road Phase 1 construction and whether paved shoulders could be extended onto the rural roads;
- information about the Luther Vipond Memorial Arena; and,
- information about the extension of Garden Street.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 Update Requests

Margaret Clayton requested updates regarding:

- the Rowe House;
- details about use of the Pump House by Town Brewery; and,
- details about the new building located at the corner of Brock Street North and Elm Street.

## 8.2 Heritage Information and Property Updates

Margaret Clayton provided information regarding the following heritage matters:

- 301 Byron Street North, occupied by John Rice from 1878 to 1882;
- Lakeview Hall/Toad Hall, 3020 Brock Street North, built by the Fuller Family and later purchased by John Rice;
- 307 Byron Street North, home of Michael O'Donovan, owner of the Carriage Works and site of the Buckle Factory; and,
- an autographed quilt auctioned in 1909 to raise funds to build Myrtle Church, which was later presented to the Myrtle United Church.

## 9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

## 10. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Lisa Johnson

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.