

Attachment 6

*Excerpt of February 12, 2020 Community
Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes*

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room #2, City Hall**

MINUTES – Extract

5.4 Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area: Refined Evaluation Checklist (Workshop)

Britney Dack discussed some proposed revisions to the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area (QP HCA) evaluation checklist, as well as its history and use.

In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Dack provided the following information:

- Retaining walls are not included in the revised checklist points system because they are not protected under the HCA;
- Retaining walls or landscape features may be protected by other instruments, such as Heritage Registration, HRAs or covenants;
- Mature trees are protected under the Tree Protection and Regulation Bylaw;
- The checklist is used for evaluating applications for demolition or removing protection;
- Evaluation checklists are filled out by staff based on information available to the City and an assessment which must be completed by a heritage professional and supplied by the applicant;
- The evaluation checklist serves as a recommendation to Council, but is not binding, and the decision to allow demolition or remove protection would always be at Council's discretion; and,
- The heritage value of the inside of the properties is not evaluated.

The Commission members paired off to practise using the checklist and evaluated sample properties using the revised criteria. The Commission provided the following comments and feedback on the ease of using the criteria document:

- The development potential and restoration potential sections were somewhat difficult to evaluate with the information provided, but are important parts of the overall score;
- In the context of the HCA, placing value on the landscaping and trees would be an important part of the scoring criteria because they contribute to the

heritage feel of the neighbourhood, which is part of what is being protected and conserved;

- The initial HCA study showed that the greenery and landscaping of the Queen's Park neighbourhood was very important to residents and if taken away, would impact the character of the houses and neighbourhood;
- While the tree bylaw may protect trees and hedges, mature landscaping is very difficult to replace and warrants protection;
- The revised checklist is an improvement on the initial checklist and is more objective than subjective;
- The question about the importance of an historic person associated with a house may be hard to judge;
- The binary system makes sense and is reasonably easy to work with; and,
- The checklist effectively assesses all aspects of heritage value.

Ms. Dack noted that the next step is to finalize the checklist and put it before Council for final endorsement.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission recommend that Council include provisions to acknowledge mature trees and landscape in the refined Evaluation Checklist for the Queen's Park Heritage Conservation Area.

CARRIED.

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.