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# The Seventh Heritage Markham Committee Meeting of The Corporation of The City of Markham in the year 2019.

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#### **Part One - Administration**

#### 1. Approval of Agenda (16.11)

- A) Addendum Agenda
- B) New Business from Committee Members

#### Recommendation:

That the July 10, 2019 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

# 2. Minutes of the June 12, 2019 Havitage Markham Committee

**Heritage Markham Committee Meeting (16.11)** 

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Minutes

See attached material.

#### Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on June 12, 2019 be received and adopted.

#### 3. New Members

**Heritage Markham Committee (16.11)** 

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Memorandum

See attached memorandum.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee welcomes new members Doug Denby, Paul Tiefenbach and Shan Goel to the committee.

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## 4. End of Term for Member Heritage Markham Committee (16.11)

Extracts:

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Memorandum

See attached memorandum.

## Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham acknowledges and appreciates the 3 ½ years of commitment and service provided by Zuzanna Zila to the Heritage Markham Committee.

R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

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Part Two - Deputations

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#### **Part Three - Consent**

5. Heritage Permit Application,

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16 Peter Street,

Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, Delegated Approvals: Heritage Permits (16.11)

File Number: HE 19 123208

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

**Memorandum** 

See attached memorandum.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on heritage permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

6. Building or Sign Permit Application,

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206 Main Street Unionville, 151 Main Street Unionville,

27 Main Street North Markham,

**Delegated Approvals: Building Permits & Sign Permits (16.11)** 

File Numbers: 18 258689 005 CP

19 120840 SP 19 121271 SP

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Memorandum

See attached memorandum.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on building permits and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

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## 7. Community Heritage Ontario,

**Board of Directors – New Director: Regan Hutcheson (16.11)** 

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Memorandum

See attached memorandum.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham Committee supports and acknowledges Regan Hutcheson's election to the Board of Directors for Community Heritage Ontario as a representative of the Heritage Markham Committee.

# 8. Committee of Adjustment Variance Application, 3693 Elgin Mills Road East,

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New Detached Garage (16.11)

File Number: A/57/19

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

J. Leung, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Memorandum

See attached staff memorandum and material.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no comment on the requested variance relating to the proposed construction of a new garage at 3693 Elgin Mills Road from a heritage perspective, and has no objection to the demolition of the existing frame garage.

## 9. Correspondence – July 2019 (16.11)

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Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Correspondence

See attached material.

#### Recommendation:

That the following correspondence be received as information:

a) Berczy Settlers Gazette – Summer 2019 Selected pages – barn article, Eckardt Log House article

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# Part Four - Regular

10. Site Plan Control Application,

Proposed New Dwelling,

11 Princess Street,

Markham Village Heritage Conservation District (16.11)

File Number: SPC 19 122591

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

G. Duncan, Project Planner

Memorandum

See attached staff memorandum and material.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham generally supports the design for the proposed new dwelling at 11 Princess Street subject to the applicant revising the design as follows:

- Finishing materials be indicated on the elevations;
- Stone is to be used only for a foundation facing or skirt to the extent shown on the elevations as submitted;
- Brick in a traditional local brick colour and Ontario size be used, not a stucco finish:
- Windows treatment on any elevation visible from the street be changed from multi-paned casements to single hung windows with a simple 6 over 1 or 2 over 2 glazing pattern, with externally-adhered muntin bars, and that the framing around the window openings be removed and replaced with radiating brick arches to bring the window detail in line with traditional window treatments found on heritage buildings in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District;
- The height of the ground floor at the front of the proposed dwelling be lowered to reduce the number of steps leading up to the front door; and,

That final review of the Site Plan Control Application be delegated to staff provided the applicant addresses all of the above recommended design revisions.

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### 11. Site Plan Control Application,

Proposed Detached 2-Car Garage and Poolside Washroom, 30 Colborne Street,

**Thornhill Heritage Conservation District (16.11)** 

File Number: SPC 19 115724

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

G. Duncan, Project Planner

Memorandum

See attached staff memorandum and material.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the revised Site Plan Control application for the construction of a detached, 2-car garage and a poolside washroom subject to the applicant entering into a Site Plan Agreement containing the usual conditions regarding colours, materials, etc.

## 12. Site Plan Control Application,

Proposed Front Porch, 48 Washington Street,

Markham Village Heritage Conservation District (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Memorandum

See attached staff memorandum and material.

#### Recommendation:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the design of the proposed replacement front porch for 48 Washington Street, provided that the owner enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with the City for any grant in excess of \$5,000.000 and provided that all existing inappropriate grandfathered signage is removed from the building; and,

That Heritage Markham has no objection to any variance that may be required to introduce the new porch and as per the City's fee by-law for Committee of Adjustment applications affecting heritage properties, there be no fee as this would be implementing a historic condition or feature; and,

That the applicant enter into a site plan agreement with the City containing the standard conditions regarding materials, colours etc.

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#### Part Five - Studies/Projects Affecting Heritage Resources - Updates

The following projects impact in some manner the heritage planning function of the City of Markham. The purpose of this summary is to keep the Heritage Markham Committee apprised of the projects' status. Staff will only provide a written update when information is available, but members may request an update on any matter.

- a) Doors Open Markham 2019
- b) Heritage Week, February 2019
- c) Unionville Heritage Conservation District Plan Amendments/ Update
- d) Unionville Heritage Centre Secondary Plan
- e) Unionville Core Area Streetscape Master Plan (2019)
- f) Update to Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan (2019)
- g) New Secondary Plan for Markham Village (2019)
- h) Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project (2019) Review of Development Standards Heritage Districts
- i) Awards of Excellence

## 13. Studies/Projects,

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Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence, Program – Proposed Event for 2019 (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Memorandum

See attached staff memorandum and material.

#### Recommendation:

That the 2019 Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence ceremony be confirmed for the fall of 2019 and that the Awards of Excellence Sub-Committee work with Heritage Section staff to determine an appropriate date, venue and other organizational aspects; and,

That Heritage Markham members submit potential candidates for the 2019 Awards of Excellence program (project completed from mid 2016 to the present) by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be reviewed by the Sub-Committee.

OR

That the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence event be postponed until the fall of 2020

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## Part Six - New Business

## Heritage Markham Committee Meeting City of Markham June 12, 2019 Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre

## <u>Members</u> <u>Regrets</u>

Graham Dewar, Chair Evelin Ellison Maria Cerone David Nesbitt

Ken Davis Jennifer Peters-Morales

Anthony Farr Zuzana Zila

Councillor Keith Irish Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Karen Rea

#### **Staff**

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

Graham Dewar, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:20 PM by asking for any disclosures of interest with respect to items on the agenda.

There were no disclosures of interest by any member.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda (16.11)

Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the June 12, 2019 Heritage Markham Committee agenda be approved.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2. Minutes of the May 8, 2019

**Heritage Markham Committee Meeting (16.11)** 

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the minutes of the Heritage Markham Committee meeting held on May 8, 2019 be received and adopted.

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3. Heritage Permit Applications,

257 Carlton Road, Unionville,

115-117 Main Street, Markham Village,

4 Peter Street, Markham Village,

**Delegated Approvals: Heritage Permits (16.11)** 

File Numbers: HE 19 119539

HE 19 121333 HE 19 121427

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on heritage permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process

**CARRIED** 

4. Building Permit Applications,

7703 Kennedy Road, Hagerman's Corners Community,

7708 Kennedy Road, Hagerman's Corners Community,

340 Main Street North, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District,

33 Joseph Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District,

9950 Markham Road, Markham Museum,

- 2 Alexander Hunter Place, Markham Village Estates,
- 2 Alexander Hunter Place, Markham Village Estates,

**Delegated Approvals: Heritage Permits (16.11)** 

File Numbers: 15 177745 01 NH

19 118672 AL

18 254163 HP

18 120238 HP

19 420495 AL

18 256476 HP

16 2304/0 111

18 254476 01 HP

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham receive the information on building permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

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#### 5. Policy,

Bill 108 - More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019 Proposed Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (Schedule 11) (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham Committee receive the information on the Bill 108 proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the extract from the Markham Staff report related to concerns associated with the changes to the Act, and the heritage related recommendations forwarded to the Ontario Government as part of Markham's official feedback.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. Awards,

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Nominations for ACO Heritage Awards 2019 (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham Committee is pleased to nominate George Duncan, local Markham author for his publication entitled "Historic Unionville – A Village in the City" for the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's Stephen A. Otto Award for Scholarship.

CARRIED

#### 7. Information,

Community Heritage Ontario, Board of Directors, New Director: Regan Hutcheson (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham Committee receive the summary on Regan Hutcheson's election to the new Board of Directors for Community Heritage Ontario as information.

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### 8. Correspondence (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the following correspondence be received as information:

a) Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill: May 2019 Newsletter (Staff has full copy)

**CARRIED** 

9. Heritage Permit Application

146 Main Street,

Millennium Bandstand Landscaping

**Unionville Heritage Conservation District (16.11)** 

File Number: HE 19 120824

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

D. Plant, Senior Manager, Parks, Horticulture & Forestry

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a heritage permit application submitted by the City's Operations Department to alter the landscaping around the plaza/public square at the Millennium Bandstand in Unionville. He advised that the work involves tree planting on the south side property boundary, installation of planter boxes on top of existing masonry screening walls, installation of tree grates and tree rings around existing trees to protect the public and the trees, removing selected areas of soft landscaping to increase the hard surface area of the public square, and installing a flagpole. He further advised that this project is funded through a provincial grant program for the beautification of Ontario main streets.

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham supports the Heritage Permit for the proposed alterations to the landscaping at the Millennium Bandstand in Unionville.

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## 10. Heritage Permit Application

Main Street South of Highway 7,

**Traffic Island Landscaping** 

Markham Village Heritage Conservation District (16.11)

File Number: HE 19 120825

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

D. Plant, Senior Manager, Parks, Horticulture & Forestry

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a heritage permit application submitted by the City's Operations Department to install a solar powered, double-sided clock on a metal column within the traffic island south of the intersection of Main Street Markham and Highway 7. He advised that the proposed clock is intended to serve as an entry feature into old Markham Village, and that it is recommended that the metal work be black to tie in with the other street furniture in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District. He further advised that this project is funded through a provincial grant program for the beautification of Ontario main streets.

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham supports the Heritage Permit for the proposed clock feature on Main Street South and recommends that the metalwork be painted black to tie in with other street furniture within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District.

**CARRIED** 

#### 11. Heritage Permit Application

142 Main Street,

Municipal Laneway Walkway and Bollards, Unionville Heritage Conservation District (16.11)

File Number: HE 19 120826

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

D. Plant, Senior Manager, Parks, Horticulture & Forestry

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a heritage permit application submitted by the City's Operations Department to remove the asphalt paving on a municipally-owned laneway that runs along the south property boundary of 142 Main Street, which is a privately-owned commercial property, located within the Unionville Heritage Conservation District. He advised that the asphalt paving will be replaced with granular material and landscaping. Bollards will be installed to prevent vehicles from accessing the laneway, which will become a pedestrian path to the parkland to the west, thus enhancing pedestrian experience in Unionville and creating a connection to the parkland to the west. He further advised that the proposed work will remove the ability of the adjoining commercial properties to have a secondary access to their rear yard parking lot. This project is funded through a provincial grant program for the beautification of Ontario main streets.

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#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham supports the Heritage Permit for the alterations to the municipal laneway south of 142 Main Street and recommends that the bollards be painted black to coordinate with other street furniture within the Unionville Heritage Conservation District.

**CARRIED** 

12. Heritage Permit Application

98 Main Street North, Civic Square Landscaping,

**Markham Village Heritage Conservation District (16.11)** 

File Number: HE 19 120827

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

D. Plant, Senior Manager, Parks, Horticulture & Forestry

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a heritage permit application submitted by the City's Operations Department to rebuild planter boxes in armour stone in the Civic Square at 98 Main Street, in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, replace the coniferous tree that is used for the holiday season lighting, and reconfigure the space to enhance the civic square gathering space. He advised that Heritage staff is recommending that the stone used for the planter box replacements be of similar materials to the stone use in the existing entry feature walls within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District. He further advised that the drawings provided do not indicate where the existing interpretive panel, which is the introductory panel to the Markham Village Interpretive Plaque Project, will be located. Heritage staff believes it is important that it remains in this central location, maintaining its existing orientation. The Senior Heritage Planner advised that this project is funded through a provincial grant program for the beautification of Ontario main streets.

### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That the planter box replacements be faced with stone that matches the stone used in the existing entry feature walls within the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, for consistency; and,

That the introductory panel to the Markham Village Interpretive Plaque project be shown on the site layout diagram and that it maintain its current orientation.

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#### 13. Demolition Request

14 Wales Avenue, Mount Joy Community, Request for Demolition (16.11)

File Number: HE 19 120827

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner advised the Committee that the property owner submitted an email communication to Heritage Section staff advising of their intention to demolish the existing dwelling on the property at 14 Wales Avenue in the Mount Joy Community, and to replace it with a new dwelling. He further advised that this matter was considered by Heritage Markham at its May 2019 meeting, when the Committee recommended deferring a recommendation on the demolition of the dwelling until the applicant's representative has had an opportunity to work with Heritage Staff to find an amicable resolution with respect to the design of the proposed new dwelling.

The Senior Heritage Planner advised the Committee that because this dwelling in not located in a heritage conservation district, the property is not subject to a Site Plan Control Application but would require a demolition permit and a building permit. He further advised that at the time of distributing the agenda, no planning or building applications were submitted by the applicant, however on the afternoon of June 12, 2019, Heritage Staff received a proposed design for a new dwelling.

Mr. Russ Gregory, the applicant's representative was in attendance and advised the Committee that the applicant requested him to prepare a plan to indicate their desire to construct a new dwelling on the subject property. He further advised that the drawings he prepared may not be the final design for the proposed new dwelling.

Responding to a question from a Committee member, Mr. Gregory advised the Committee that he has not signed any formal agreement with the applicant for any works on this property.

After some further discussion, the Committee decided not to pursue a recommendation for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and that they would have no further comments on the request to demolish.

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham has no comment on the request for demolishing the existing dwelling at 14 Wales Avenue.

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#### 14. Site Plan Control Application,

Committee of Adjustment Variance Application, 40 Albert Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, Proposed Semi-Detached Dwellings and Detached Garage (16.11)

File Number: SPC 19 121293

A/48/19

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

P. Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner J. Leung, Committee of Adjustment

Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a revised Site Plan Control Application and Committee of Adjustment Variance Application. The original application was to construct a 313.5m² (3,375 ft²) two storey addition to the existing heritage house, with an attached drive-through carport, as well as a 60.9m² (656 ft²) 1½ storey detached garage/accessory building. The current proposal is for a semi-detached dwelling with a one storey 27.2 m² (292 ft²) detached garage at the rear of the lot. The applicant also proposes to reposition the existing house to provide more space for the proposed semi-detached dwelling and to create a new basement. The proposed semi-detached dwelling and detached garage requires the following variances (as per the applicant's submission):

- a) a minimum front yard setback of 3.5m, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 7.5m;
- b) a minimum south side yard setback of 1.22m, whereas the By-law requires a minimum side yard setback of 1.83m;
- c) a minimum property line setback for an accessory building of 0.91m, whereas the Bylaw requires a minimum property line setback of 1.22m;
- d) A minimum driveway setback of 20 inches from the property line, whereas the Bylaw requires a minimum driveway setback of 24 inches from the property line.

Staff also believe that a maximum lot coverage variance of 59% is required whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 40% for a semi-detached dwelling.

The Senior Heritage Planner advised the Committee that although Staff has no objection to the development of a semi-detached building on the property, there are concerns with the proposed lot coverage which has increased from the 36.6% originally proposed by the applicants when they planned to construct an addition to the existing single detached dwelling, to the 59% lot coverage proposed for the current semi-detached dwellings. He further advised that staff prefer that the heritage building remains on its original foundation/location, but acknowledge that a new basement is needed and that the Committee has supported minor relocations of heritage homes in heritage conservation districts. Staff also believe that the proposed architectural style of the addition to the existing heritage dwelling and proposed semi-detached dwelling could be more sympathetic to the architectural style of the existing heritage dwelling in terms of its scale, massing, windows and architectural detailing.

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Mr. Russ Gregory of the Gregory Design Group, representing the applicant, was in attendance and reviewed the proposal and the variances requested by the applicant.

The Committee expressed concerns with respect to the 59% lot coverage which is in excess of the 40% maximum lot coverage permitted by the By-law for a semi-detached dwelling. As well, the Committee expressed concerns with respect to storm water drainage from the property and the loss of overall green space.

#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham has no objection to the development of a semi-detached dwelling provided that the following revisions are made to the proposed plans:

- o That the front yard setback of the proposed new semi-detached building be significantly increased to maintain the prominence of the existing heritage dwelling and the existing greenspace to the south;
- O That the new semi-detached dwelling comply with the 6 ft. south side yard setback prescribed by the By-law, as this will help reduce the proposed lot coverage, and preserve the space between adjacent dwellings, which is a character defining aspect of historic neighbourhoods;
- o That the roof line of the addition to the heritage dwelling and the new semidetached dwelling be simplified to reflect the hipped roof of the heritage dwelling;
- That the massing of the proposed addition to the heritage dwelling and proposed new dwelling be simplified and reduced to reflect the massing of the heritage dwelling;
- o That the windows of the proposed new dwelling and addition be more reflective of the proportions and pane divisions of the existing heritage dwelling; and
- o That brick chimneys be re-introduced to the roof line of the heritage dwelling; and,

That Heritage Markham does not support the proposed variance in the maximum lot coverage in support of the proposed semi-detached dwelling and addition to the existing heritage dwelling at 40 Albert Street, but has no objection to the requested variances to permit:

- o a minimum front yard setback of 3.5 m (for the heritage building);
- o a minimum property line setback for an accessory building of 0.91 m; and
- o a minimum driveway setback of 24" from the property line.

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### 15. Committee of Adjustment Variance Application, 11 Princess Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, Proposed New Dwelling (16.11)

File Number: A/53/19

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

J. Leung, Committee of Adjustment

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a minor variance application for a proposed new dwelling to be constructed at 11 Princess Street to replace the existing 1956 bungalow.

The requested variances include:

- a) A minimum front yard setback of 5.51 m to the porch, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 7.62 m;
- b) A minimum rear yard setback of 3.88 m to the porch, whereas the By-law requires a minimum rear yard setback of 7.62 m;
- c) A Net Floor Area (NFA) of 50.7%, whereas the By-law permits a maximum NFA of 45%:
- d) A maximum building height of 10.9 m, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 9.8 m; and
- e) A maximum building depth of 16.91 m, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building depth of 16.76 m.

The Senior Heritage Planner advised that Princess Street does not contain any buildings of cultural heritage value or interest. The street is a mix of modestly-scaled older dwellings dating from the late 1940s to the 1960s, intermixed with larger, more recent two storey dwellings. The emerging character of the street is large, custom dwellings in various interpretations of the neo-traditional style. The proposed new dwelling at 11 Princess Street is requesting Net Floor Area of 50.7% (3,590 at square feet), which is a smaller variance as compared to the neighbouring properties at 23 Princess Street (4,701 square feet) and 27 Princess Street (5,100 square feet). It is expected that the Site Plan Control application will be before Heritage Markham at its July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which time the Committee may wish to comment on the architectural details.

Mr. Russ Gregory of the Gregory Design Group, representing the applicant, was in attendance and reviewed the proposal and the requested variances.

The Committee suggested reducing the number of steps leading to the front entrance of the dwelling, which will reduce the building height to comply with the maximum building height permitted by the By-law. The Committee also discussed the potential effect on stormwater drainage subsequent to the future hard landscaping of the property. Responding to a question from a Committee member, Mr. Gregory advised that the stormwater drains to the street.

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#### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That Heritage Markham has no comment on the requested variances for 11 Princess Street from a heritage perspective, subject to the owner obtaining site plan endorsement for the new dwelling.

**CARRIED** 

Demolition Permit Application,
 10988 Warden Avenue,
 Request for Demolition – Barn Complex
 North Markham Planning District (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

D. Brutto, Project Planner

George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner reviewed a letter submitted by the Region of York indicating its intention to demolish the barn complex on the property at 10988 Warden Avenue. This vacant rural property has been purchased by the Region of York for a proposed future Southeast District Road Maintenance and Snow Management Facility. He advised that the property is listed on the *Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* and is evaluated as a Group 2 Heritage Building. York Region has commissioned a Heritage Impact Assessment, and the analysis of the building using the Ontario Regulation 9/06 to establish if the building is worthy of designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Region is at the preliminary stage of preparing to submit the required planning applications to facilitate the proposed development.

The Senior Heritage Planner advised that the Brumwell Barn is one of a group of cultural heritage resources that were researched and evaluated in connection with planning for the Future Urban Area, now called the North Markham Planning District. There is no historic farmhouse remaining on the property, as it was replaced with a modern dwelling decades ago. He further advised that Heritage Section staff have visited the property to assess its condition, and more closely examine its architectural features. As part of the preconsultation process, the Region was asked to engage a qualified cultural heritage resource consultant to provide a Heritage Impact Assessment. The consultant has concluded that the property does not meet any of the O. Reg. 9/06 criteria to warrant designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. In view of the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment, staff does not support the designation of this property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Staff recommend that the request for demolition not be opposed, and that the applicant be requested through the Site Plan Control application process to salvage elements such as some of the timber frame and foundation to incorporate these into part of the new office building to be constructed on the property. Additionally, this would be an excellent candidate for a Markham Remembered Plaque, telling the story of the farm and showing an image of the Brumwell Barn.

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Ms. Fang Li, Project Manager from the Property Services Department, York Region; Mr. Peter Pilateris, Manager of Road Operations, York Region and Ms. Christienne Uchiyama, Letourneau Heritage Consulting Inc., were in attendance at the meeting in support of the demolition permit application.

Heritage Markham asked that York Region review their plans in an effort to repurpose the barn, instead of demolishing it. The Committee noted that this is an excellent opportunity to preserve a barn for adaptive re-use and York Region could show leadership in this regard. Ms. Li agreed to take the matter of adaptive re-use of the barn to her team for further consideration.

### Heritage Markham Recommends:

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the July 10, 2019 Heritage Markham Committee meeting; and

That the Region of York be requested to withdraw their letter of intent to demolish the Barn and re-examine options for adaptive re-use of the Brumwell Barn.

**CARRIED** 

#### 17. New Business

**Attendance at Heritage Markham meetings (16.11)** 

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Graham Dewar, Chair believes that Heritage Markham Committee members should reconsider their commitment and make it a priority to attend meetings that are only scheduled once every month.

#### 18 New Business

Appointment of new members to the Heritage Markham Committee (16.11)

Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

The Committee discussed the issue of the appointment of new members to the Heritage Markham Committee.

#### Heritage Markham Recommends

That the Councillors appointed to the Heritage Markham Committee be involved in the process for recruiting new members to the Committee.

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## **Adjournment**

The Heritage Markham Committee meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** New Members

Heritage Markham Committee

Markham Council appointed three new members to the Heritage Markham Committee on June 25, 2019. They are:

Doug Denby – Unionville Area Paul Tiefenbach – Thornhill Area Shan Goel – Markham Village Area

There are still two members on the Committee (Unionville and Thornhill) whose terms expired on November 30, 2018 and are asked to continue on the Committee until Council addresses the matter in the fall.

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

That Heritage Markham Committee welcomes new members Doug Denby, Paul Tiefenbach and Shan Goel to the committee.

File: Heritage Markham Committee file





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** End of Term for Member

Heritage Markham Committee

As of November 30, 2018, Zuzana Zila officially completed her appointed term on the committee. Zuzana stayed on as a member until a replacement was appointed by Council (June 25, 2019). Zuzana was a representative for the Markham Village area.

At this time, it would be appropriate to acknowledge the contribution of Zuzana for her commitment to the Heritage Markham Committee and her support for the City's heritage conservation program. She served on the Committee for 3 ½ years (2016-2019)

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

That Heritage Markham acknowledges and appreciates the 3 ½ years of commitment and service provided by Zuzanna Zila to the Heritage Markham Committee.

File: Heritage Markham Committee file





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 10 2019

**SUBJECT: Delegated Approvals** 

Heritage Permits Approved by Heritage Section Staff

The following Heritage Permits were approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process:

Address	Permit Number	Work to be Undertaken
16 Peter Street	HE 19 123208	Exterior painting.
Markham Village		

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on heritage permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Delegated Approvals

Building Permits & Sign Permits Approved by Heritage Section Staff

The following Building Permits and Sign Permits were approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process:

Address	Permit Number	Work to be Undertaken
206 Main Street	18 258680 005 CP	Conditional permit for multiunit residential
Unionville HCD		building relating to an approved site plan
		control application.
151 Main Street	19 120840 SP	New multi-tenant ground sign for businesses.
Unionville HCD		
27 Main Street North	19 121271 SP	Commercial wall sign – Cho-Kwok-Lat
Markham Village HCD		Patisserie Chocolatierie.

#### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on building permits and sign permits approved by Heritage Section staff under the delegated approval process.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Community Heritage Ontario

**Board of Directors - New Director: Regan Hutcheson** 

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is the provincial association of Municipal Heritage Committees (MHCs) with a mission of:

- Encouraging the development of municipally appointed heritage advisory committees;
- Promoting the appreciation, understanding and support for the values of cultural heritage and to work for its conservation and continued contribution to a sustainable society in Ontario; and
- To further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially and nationally.

The Corporation is supervised by a Board of Directors of 8, which is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting on June 1, 2019 Regan Hutcheson was nominated to serve for the 2019-2021 term as a representative of Markham and the Heritage Markham Committee, and was elected along with three returning Directors.

It will be beneficial to have representation on the Board of Directors as Markham is hosting the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference.

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham Committee supports and acknowledges Regan Hutcheson's election to the Board of Directors for Community Heritage Ontario as a representative of the Heritage Markham Committee.





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT: MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION A/57/19** 

New Detached Garage 3693 Elgin Mills Road East

**North Markham Planning District** 

#### **Property/Building Description:**

• Existing detached garage on the property of the Toll House/John Doner Jr. House, c.1843. The garage is an altered late 19<sup>th</sup> century accessory building.

#### <u>Use</u>:

Residential property.

#### **Heritage Status:**

• Listed on the Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

#### **Application/Proposal:**

- The owner plans to demolish the existing frame garage and replace it in the same general location with a new, larger frame garage. The proposed plans are attached.
- A variance is required for a reduced rear yard setback of 5.8 metres, whereas the By-law requires 7.5 metres.

#### **Staff Comment:**

- Staff is of the opinion that the existing garage is of limited cultural heritage value due to alterations that have taken place over time.
- Site Plan Approval is not required because the property is listed on the *Register*, not individually designated or within a heritage conservation district.
- The property is located in a semi-rural setting, and the requested variance is minor, therefore staff recommend that Heritage Markham has no comment from a Heritage Perspective.

## **Suggested Heritage Markham Recommendation:**

THAT Heritage Markham has no comment on the requested variance relating to the proposed construction of a new garage at 3693 Elgin Mills Road from a heritage perspective, and has no objection to the demolition of the existing frame garage.

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**Location Map** 



**Existing Garage – Door is on Gable End Wall (not shown)** 



# President's Report

On the Markham Berczy Settlers website (http://markhamberczy-settlers.ca), there are a number of resources suggested for helping you with your family research.

Be sure to check out the **Research Resources** Section.

The Web Site's page has been reviewed. Websites don't remain static and a page link may no



President Janet Iles

longer work and you get the "dreaded" 404 Message
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links page has been updated with replacements
found for those addresses no longer valid.

If you live near or are visiting Ottawa, you may find it helpful to visit the National Archives (Library & Archives Canada) and look at the documents in the William von Berczy Moll fonds. There is a link to the finding aid on our site.

On that page, there are links to the **family** pages created by our members. Right now we only have links to three of the websites: Stiver, Helmke and Busch. The link to the Busch web site has just been added.

Do you have a website and/or blog, with information about the Markham Berczy Settlers and their descendants that you would be willing to share with our members and the general public?

Do you have a book title or article title that you have found helpful and it is not already listed, please let us know.

Please contact: info@markhamberczysettlers.ca or go through our Contact Page form.

## Coming Events:

June 16, Memorial Service, Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, 9423 Kennedy Road, Markham, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Roy Thakurdyal presiding. Bring your lawn chair.

September 6-to 8: Stadtmauerfest, Nordlingen, Germany. Representatives of Markham will include Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Councillor Ward 4 Karen Rea, Markham Town Cryer John Webster and wife Mary and Official Historian Lorne Smith and wife Carol, in the role of William and Charlotte Berczy.

September 28, 29 APPLEFEST, Markham Museum: we expect that it will be at this event that the City of Markham will celebrate its 225th Anniversary. Details are not available at this time.

October 3, 4, 5, 6 Markham Fair: Markham Fair Grounds, McCowan Road and Elgin Mills Road. The first Fair recorded in Markham was in 1844 so Markham Fair is celebrating its 175th Anniversary. This was only 50 years after the arrival of our ancestors.

November 3 at 3 pm: 225th Anniversary Service and Dinner at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Unionville. Bishop Michael Pryse will be the guest speaker.





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## 1794 - 2019: 225th Anniversary

It has been 25 years since MBSA and the Town of Markham celebrated its Bicentennial.

This fall represents 225 years since our ancestors arrived in Markham after their 18 month sojourn in the Genesee Valley in New York. Many things have changed since even 2004. The City of Markham now has a population of approximately 375,000 inhabitants. Industrial and residential development continues to take over the remaining farmland. Very few of those early farms remain in food production. There is only one Dairy Farm left in Markham.



Joachim Pingle monument Kennedy Rd., Markham

One of the most important developments in Markham over the past 25 years has been the establishment of the Rouge National Urban Park, located along the eastern border of the City. This is the only National Urban Park in Canada and consists of over 60,000 acres of land that embraces a large section of the Rouge River watershed and includes a continuous property from the Oak Ridges Moraine to the mouth of the river at Lake Ontario.

It is important to recognize that this is the river that Berczy had hoped to turn into a major trading route to Lake Simcoe. Many of our ancestors were conscripted to work at cleaning up the river to make it navigable. Governor General Simcoe had other plans and refused to grant Berczy the right to build storage sheds at the Lake. However, the importance of the Rouge River is now imbedded in the Rouge National Urban park. This is guaranteed green space for Markham in perpetuity.

## A Pingel Barn

## Lot 22, Con. 6 Township of Markham 10192 McCowan Road

By Lorne Smith

(The December, 2018, Volume 26 Number 1 edition of the Berczy Settlers Gazette presented part of the Pingel Barn story but further research on the barn and on the agricultural achievements of the first generation of our ancestors has been added.)

I grew up on the East 50 acres of Lot 21, and Lot 22, Concession 6, and still live on the NE corner of Lot 22. My grandfather Robert A. Smith purchased the two 50 acre parcels to make a square 100 acre farm in 1917. The Smith family operated a mixed farm on this property and I grew up working out of the existing barn on the property (located on the SE corner of Lot 22, 10192 McCowan Road). Just recently with the help of barn historian, Hugh Fraser, we have learned that the main part of the barn is very old and that it originally had no stabling but sat on the ground. In fact it may have been built as early as the 1830's.

But about the 54' x 34' timber frame barn. It is pretty clear when the barn is carefully examined that the lower timbers were sitting on the ground at one time. The hinges are still in the upright timbers where the doors opened at ground level on the main drive floor. It has a special feature that is not common in the Markham area. It is referred to as a Swing Beam barn. This hand-hewn beam is 34' long, 12" square at

each end and 18" x 12" in the centre. This provided space for threshing grain off the main drive floor or for enabling a team to unhook from a wagon on the main drive floor and swing around to exit the barn. The swing beam was an entirely North American element in the English barn, and came about because of the extension of the threshing floor by a bay with a loft overhead for the storage of fodder.

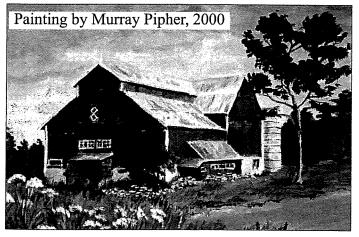
Another interesting feature of the barn is that the two-hand hewn upper plate timbers are an incredible 12" x 12" x 54', all in one timber: they were from pretty big virgin pine trees. All of the main timbers are hand hewn but the braces are sawn. This helps establish the age of the barn.

The approach of the early settlers was to harvest and store the grain in the barn each fall and then thresh it on the drive floor over the winter as time was available. Any livestock on the farm would have been kept in outbuildings.

The Joachim Pingle Berczy family settled on this lot 22 in 1794 and established their homestead here. Possibly at some time the Pingle family decided to build a newer and bigger barn and the decision was made to re-erect this older barn at the east end of Lot 22 so Jacob Pingle could start his own farm. This may have happened when the rest of the farm passed out of the hands of the Pingle family in 1866. It may have been re-erected on top of a new foundation to provide space for livestock as the model of farming was evolving. The roof style would have been changed at that time. The new timbers for this new roof have been cut with a saw.

Comments from George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner, City of Markham

"The sawn braces could have been obtained early on as there were sawmills here in the 1820s-1830s. Usually only the larger timbers on a barn frame were hewn and braces and rafters were sawn. However, in



the Eckardt barn on the hill behind the Bethesda cemetery, even the braces were shaped by hand (by an adze I would say). That is very unusual. You can tell timber sawn before Confederation by the saw marks. If the braces have circular saw marks (like curved arcs) then the wood was cut some time after the 1860s. If the saw marks are parallel straight lines then they were cut on a muley saw so that is the older method."

Who were the Barn Builders of the day? Were they part of the German Berczy group or were they from the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community? Were the timbers prepared by the barn builders or were there men who squared the timbers to order as a business?

George Duncan's comments

"I expect that it is very likely that many buildings erected in the early days were put up by Pennsylvania German carpenters who would have been more experienced with heavy timber framing than the Germans and Danes, having had several generations in North America with experience with our big trees."

The only markings we can find on the timbers is a small cross carved into the swing beam. Does this suggest that the barn was erected by members of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community for a German Lutheran, the Pingle family? Would the cross have been carved by the men who squared the timber or by the barn builder?

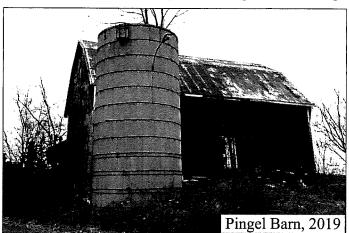
The mystery continues.

As the study of this barn continues it draws into question the early style of farming in the very early 1800's.

In the period 1800-1840:

-most farm tilling was done with wooden equipment. Over the period blacksmiths learned to add metal to the plows to make them more effective

-barns were for storing cereal crops - no stabling



-a few animals were kept in out-buildings

-fences for livestock were made from split cedar rails

-a 10-acre wheat field would require 40 days to plow, level and seed - seeding involved broadcasting and "harrowing" to cover seed

-harvesting was done with a sickle or a scythe and cradle; a typical workman could reap a half acre of wheat in a day using a sickle

-The scythe and cradle could reap two acres a day of wheat

-In a typical two-week harvest periods, (wheat has to be harvested within a tight time period or it would shell when it was touched) it would take one man per acre per day to reap, bind and stook.

-The ten-acre wheat field consumed almost the entire harvest weeks and required multiple workers to be effective.

-Sheaves of wheat were stored in the barn to be 'threshed' during the winter as needed.

-threshing could produce seven to eight bushels of wheat a day with a flail and one man.

-the biggest problem was winnowing the grain to separate the straw and chaff from the grain when this was done inside the barn in the winter time.

-it took a total of 27 man hours to produce one acre of twenty bushels of wheat threshing, winnowing and sacking and stacking the straw.

-a good harvest would provide 20 bushels of wheat per acre.

-new fields would run out of nutrients in 4 years and be left fallow for the next 6 years.

-a most desirable technology was the "fanning mill" to do the winnowing. Rudimentary ones were available by 1825.

-developing a viable farm was a slow process. In the beginning it was just a matter of growing enough food to feed your family.

In 1830 it took 3 hours and 40 minutes man hours (m/h) to harvest one bushel of wheat.

In 1880 it took ten minutes m/h to harvest one bushel of wheat.

1840 - 1870

New technologies make farming easier, leading to larger farms.

-these technologies included fanning mills, metal plows, reaper for harvesting grains, workable seed drill, threshing machines developed to service a group of farms, farmers learned to use manure to improve nutrition of lands, less fallow lands. -larger crops meant more cash for farmer to buy more land and get better equipment.

-improved roads provided greater access to markets for the greater production

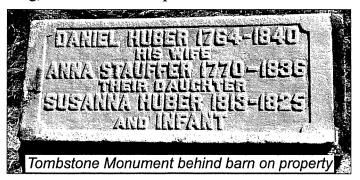
-coming of the railroad in 1871 provided better markets.

-1850's saw improved saw mills and the building of improved houses and barns and the building of a large number of churches in Markham.

From the June 12, 1844 Der Deutsche Calender (published in Kitchener/Waterloo) we learn of a description of a Markham Farm:

"Dear Editor: My companion and I just returned from our trip to Markham and Vaughan, in Home District, and I take pleasure to inform you and the public that on our whole journey everywhere we found the crops so marvelously bountiful as we had ever seen them at this time of the year.

We found the people in Markham and Vaughan generally well, but with grief had to learn that, on May 11, in the morning between 2 and 3 o'clock, lightning struck the barn of John Huber, (Lot 25, Concession 8, SE Highway 48 and Elgin Mills Road) totally burning it to the ground with all the contents except for a few horses, which a young man in the house had luckily brought out. John Huber is a son of the deceased Daniel Huber, and lives on the old place. The barn was one of the largest in the community. It seems the lightning had passed through the whole barn, as Christian Wideman, Huber's closest neighbour, who promptly saw the fire, quickly ran over, but the roof collapsed as he arrived. In the barn, and consumed by the fire, were 400 bushels wheat, 700 bushels oats and peas, 9 barrels flour, 1 threshing machine, 1 wagon, 2 fanning mills, 2 ploughs, 2 harrows, 4 sets harness, 1 horse, and 5 head of cattle. Whether the horse was left behind, or returned to the stable, the young man who saved the rest was not able to say. The 5 head of cattle lay under the shed, and were likely stunned by the lightning, and unable to escape.



Regt. v. Donlop, in the Company of Colonel Hinte and that he was from Homberg, District of Kassel. Church records of the City of Homberg show the baptism of Melchior Quantz on 20-Apr-1751. He drew Lot 13, Con. 2 of Markham Twp from Berczy and received the patent in 1803. In the 1804 census, Melchior was 53 years old, wife Christine was 57 and sons Frederic and George were 18 and 17 respectively. Melchior reportedly came with Berczy in the role of schoolmaster for the settlers' children although there are indications that he could not sign his name. Berczy used him to help transport supplies to the settlers in January, 1795. He is reported to have fought in America with the Hessian troops for Britain during the War of Independence. Frederic, George and Michael Quantz were living in Markham in 1837, while Fredrick Sr. and Michael gave money toward the building of St. John's Lutheran Church in Buttonville in 1853. Quantz descendants were shown on the original farm in the 1878 York County Atlas. This farm was absorbed into the Langstaff Gaol farm about 1911.

What has happened to our original Settler Farms? Johan Nicholas Stoeber originally received Lot 19 Con. 2: These 200 acres are located near the community of Headford and is fully built out with single family dwellings. The Stiver family owned Lots 19 and 20, Con. 5 (originally the John Daniel Frederick Busch property). This property is part of the Angus Glen Community and is built out with high-class single-family dwellings and two large condo buildings overlooking Bruce Creek that flows through Unionville as a tributary to the Rouge River. A Stiver farm on Lot 21, Con. 5 is the site of the Angus Glen Community Centre and the associated Gordon Stollery Park. (Just recently dedicated.)

John Engelhard Helmke originally received Lot 8, Con. 6. This property was bisected by Helen Avenue in the 1920's and divided into 10 acre lots. Highway 407 runs along the south side of the property. An original house still sits on the corner of the Town and Country Volkswagen dealership at 7997 Kennedy Road.

# Philip Eckardt House

Lot 17, Concession 6

(Presently at the corner of Harbord Street and Aksel Rinck Drive East of Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery)

The oldest house in York Region is on the move. Since the 1940's it has existed as a one-story log

house clad in white siding. The siding has been stripped off, the roof is being repaired and is to be located as a second story on a new house in the immediate vicinity. It will be reclad with wood siding.

It is interesting to note that the lower logs are larger than the upper logs. The bottom log is 23 inches wide but only about 8 inches thick. Obviously they were from a large tree but must have been cut into 8 inch 'slices', probably by a 'muley saw'. This was a saw, like a cross cut saw that was operated vertically from a platform over the log. The upper logs were only about 16 inches in depth. Obviously the weight would be a consideration during construction.

One of the particular features of this log construction is the very close-fitting dovetail corners. They were cut with very precise angles so the logs would not slip out of position.

The outside of the logs are weathered and appear quite smooth but the inside shows the hewn adze marks.

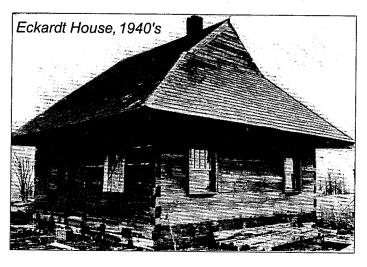
# Markham's Historic Cemeteries.

Official Historian, Lorne Smith is featured in the magazine Markham Life describing Markham's Historic Cemeteries. The City has released videos of Lorne's tour of Quantztown, Buttonville, Eckardt, Hagerman and Bethel/Lunau cemeteries.

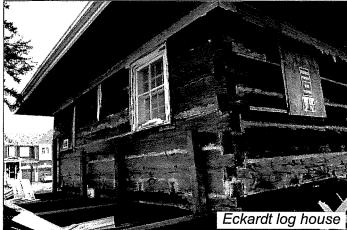
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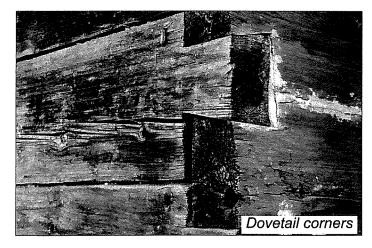
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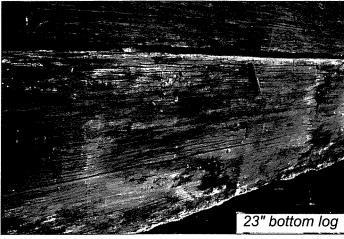
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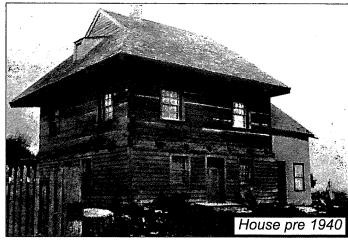




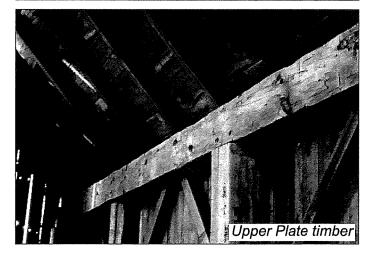


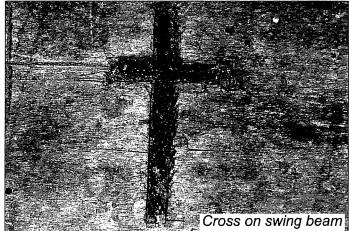
















### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

SUBJECT: SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION SPC 19 122591

**Proposed New Dwelling** 

11 Princess Street

Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

### **Property/Building Description**:

• Modern-era brick bungalow, 1956.

#### Use:

Residential.

#### **Heritage Status:**

• A Type C building within the Vinegar Hill area of the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District.

### **Application/Proposal**

- A Site Plan Control Application has been submitted for a new two storey dwelling that will replace the existing 1950s bungalow on the property. The new dwelling is proposed have a gross floor area of 333.5 m<sup>2</sup> (3,590 ft<sup>2</sup>). The proposed site plan and elevations are attached.
- A Minor Variance Application (File No. A/53/19) in support of the proposed new dwelling was submitted by the owner and was approved by the Committee of Adjustment. The final and binding date is July 16, 2019. The site plan and elevations submitted with the Minor Variance Application are the same as those submitted for the Site Plan Control Application. At the June 26, 2019 meeting of the Committee of Adjustment, the committee asked the applicant to find a way to bring down the wall height however, the height variance was approved for the overall building height.

#### **Background**

• Heritage Markham reviewed and commented on the Minor Variance Application at the committee's June 12, 2019 meeting. Heritage Markham had no comment on the

- requested variances from a heritage perspective, subject to the owner obtaining site plan endorsement for the new dwelling.
- Heritage Markham understood at the June 12, 2019 meeting that the Site Plan Control Application would come back to the committee for review and comment on the proposed design. They recommended that the number of steps leading up to the front door be reduced, in effect asking for the ground floor height above grade to be reduced.

#### **Staff Comment:**

- Princess Street does not contain any buildings of cultural heritage value or interest. The street is a mix of modestly-scaled older dwellings dating from the late 1940s to 1960s, intermixed with larger, more recent two storey dwellings. Most existing buildings are Type C.
- The emerging character of the street is large, custom dwellings in various interpretations of the neo-traditional style.
- The proposed house, at 3,590 square feet, is smaller in gross floor area than recent projects at 23 Princess Street (4,701 square feet) and 27 Princess Street (5,100 square feet).
- No significant tree preservation or lot grading/servicing issues have been identified thus far during the application circulation process.
- From an architectural perspective, staff recommend that the applicant be requested to clarify the wall and other exterior finishing materials on the elevations, and to limit the use of stone to a foundation or wall base/skirt treatment as shown on the submitted drawings. For the greater portion of the walls, brick in a traditional local brick colour and Ontario size are recommended to be used, not a stucco finish.
- Staff also recommend that the window treatment on any elevation visible from the street be changed from multi-paned casements to single hung windows with a simple 6 over 1 or 2 over 2 glazing pattern, with externally-adhered muntin bars, and that the framing around the window openings be removed and replaced with radiating brick arches to bring the window detail in line with traditional window treatments found on heritage buildings in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District.
- Lastly, referring back to Heritage Markham's comments from June 12, 2019 concerning the height of the main floor above grade and the number of steps leading up to the front door, staff recommend that the applicant find a solution to bring the height above grade down. This recommendation is in agreement with comments provided to the applicant and the Committee of Adjustment meeting of June 26, 2019.

# **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham generally supports the design for the proposed new dwelling at 11 Princess Street subject to the applicant revising the design as follows:

- Finishing materials be indicated on the elevations;
- Stone is to be used only for a foundation facing or skirt to the extent shown on the elevations as submitted;
- Brick in a traditional local brick colour and Ontario size be used, not a stucco finish;

- Windows treatment on any elevation visible from the street be changed from multipaned casements to single hung windows with a simple 6 over 1 or 2 over 2 glazing pattern, with externally-adhered muntin bars, and that the framing around the window openings be removed and replaced with radiating brick arches to bring the window detail in line with traditional window treatments found on heritage buildings in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District;

- The height of the ground floor at the front of the proposed dwelling be lowered to reduce the number of steps leading up to the front door;

AND THAT final review of the Site Plan Control Application be delegated to staff provided the applicant addresses all of the above recommended design revisions.

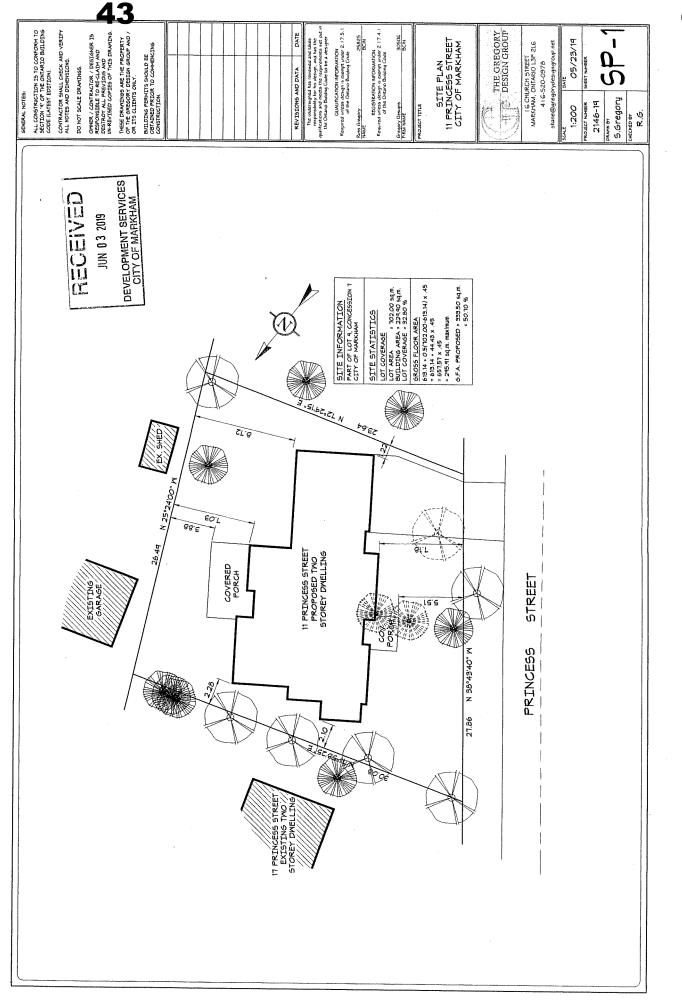
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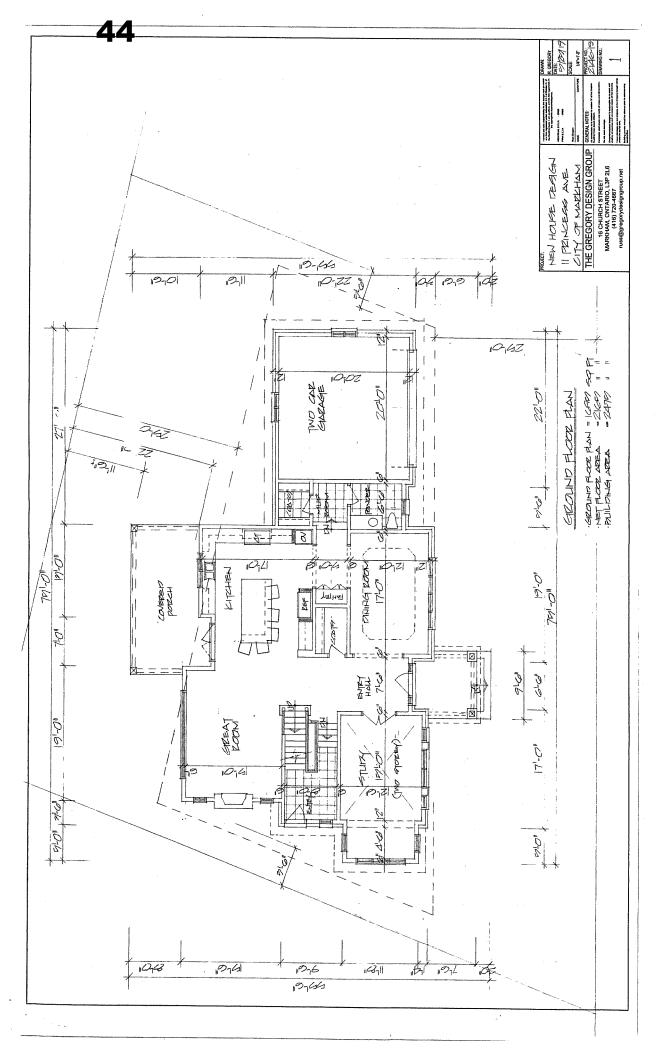


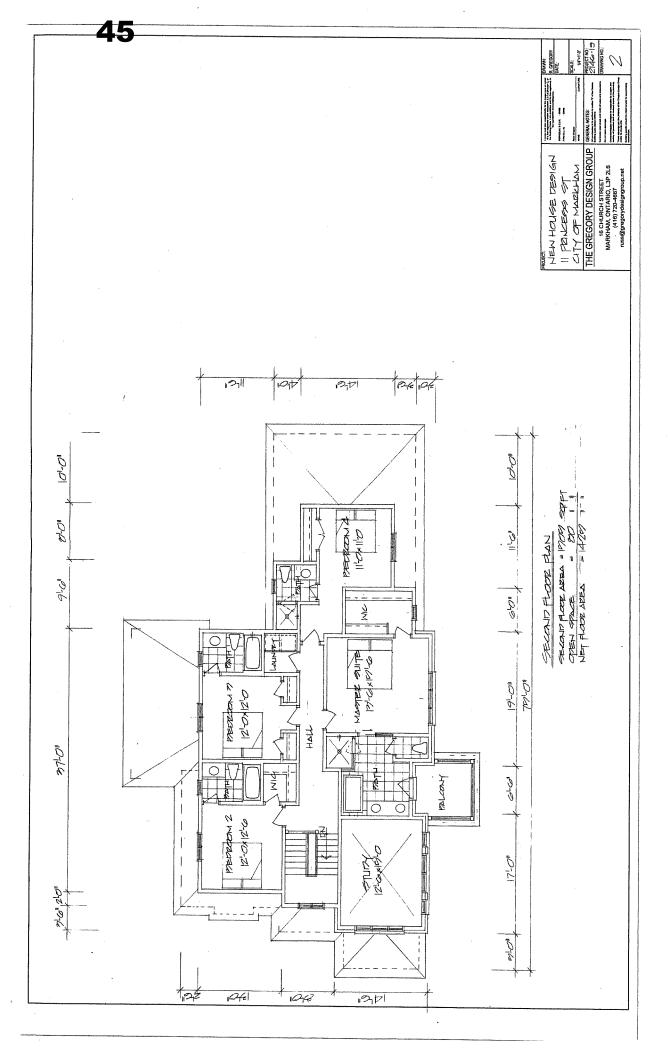
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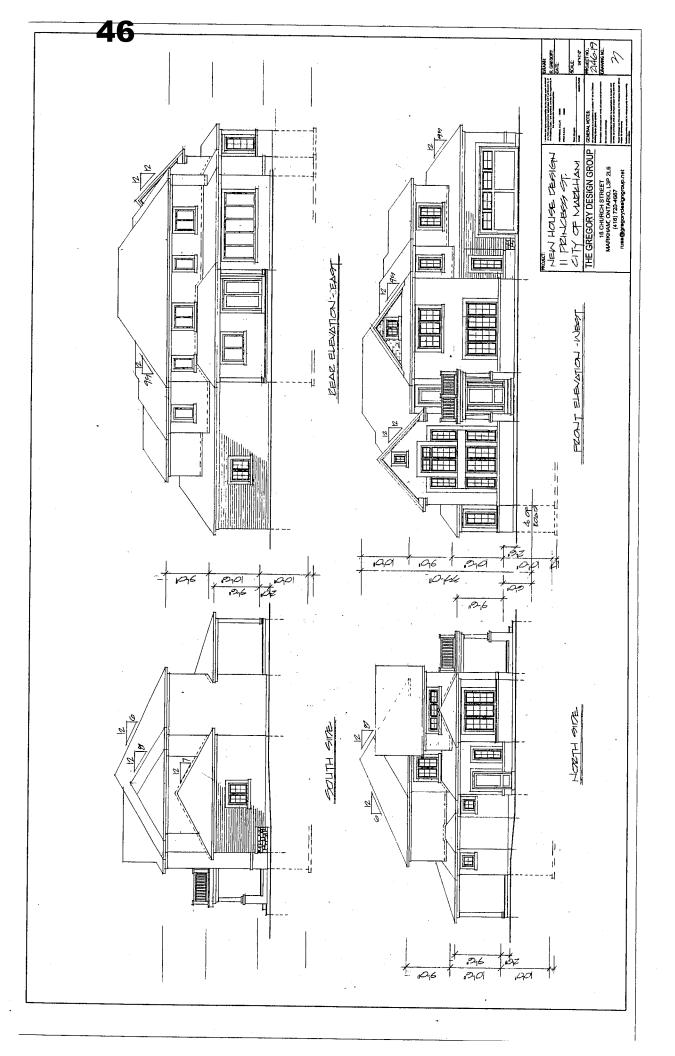


**Location Map** 













### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** April 10, 2019

SUBJECT: REVISED SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION SPC 19 115724

**Proposed Detached 2-Car Garage and Poolside Washroom** 

**30 Colborne Street** 

**Thornhill Heritage Conservation District** 

### **Property/Building Description**:

• John Ramsden House, c.1852, Georgian architectural tradition. A one and a half storey frame dwelling with a rear addition under construction.

#### Use:

• Vacant residence with construction underway.

#### **Heritage Status:**

• A Class A heritage building in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.

### **Application/Proposal:**

- The original Site Plan Control Application was to permit the construction of a 42m<sup>2</sup> (450 ft<sup>2</sup>) two-car garage in the side yard of the existing dwelling.
- The proposed garage complies with the By-law in terms of setbacks, gross floor area and height. The design is similar to the old garage on the property.
- The application has recently been revised to include a poolside washroom, consisting of a small structure with a footprint of approximately 8 ft by 12 ft.
- The proposed site plan and garage and poolside washroom plans and elevations are attached.

### **Background:**

• Heritage Markham reviewed the original submission of the Site Plan Control Application for a detached, 2-car garage in April of this year. At that time, there were no plans for a pool cabana in the rear yard.

 Heritage Markham had no objection to the proposed detached garage from a heritage perspective.

- Subsequent to Heritage Markham's April 10, 2019 meeting, the applicant advised their intention to add a pool cabana containing a washroom next to the in-ground swimming pool. This change required the re-submission of plans to the City and to the Heritage Markham Committee.
- The revised application is now in the process of being circulated to City staff for review and comment through the ePlan process. A revised arborist report and a revised grading/servicing plan have been submitted in support of the site plan control application. No significant issues have been identified by City staff.

### **Staff Comment:**

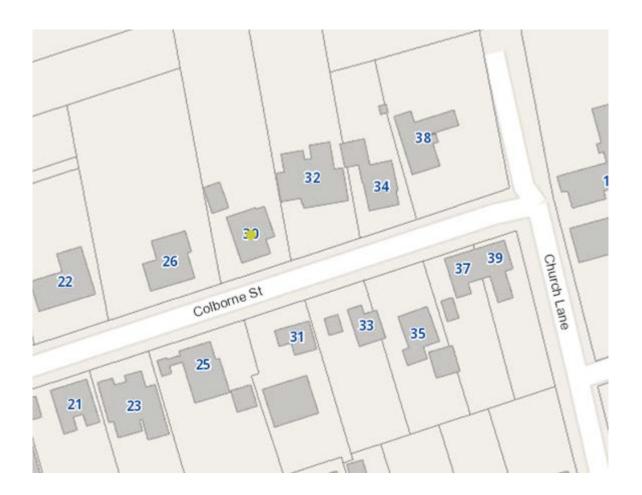
- In the opinion of staff, the addition of a small accessory structure to contain a poolside washroom has no impact on the street view of the property, and represents a minor change from the original development concept.
- Staff recommend that Heritage Markham has no objection to the proposed poolside washroom structure from a heritage perspective.

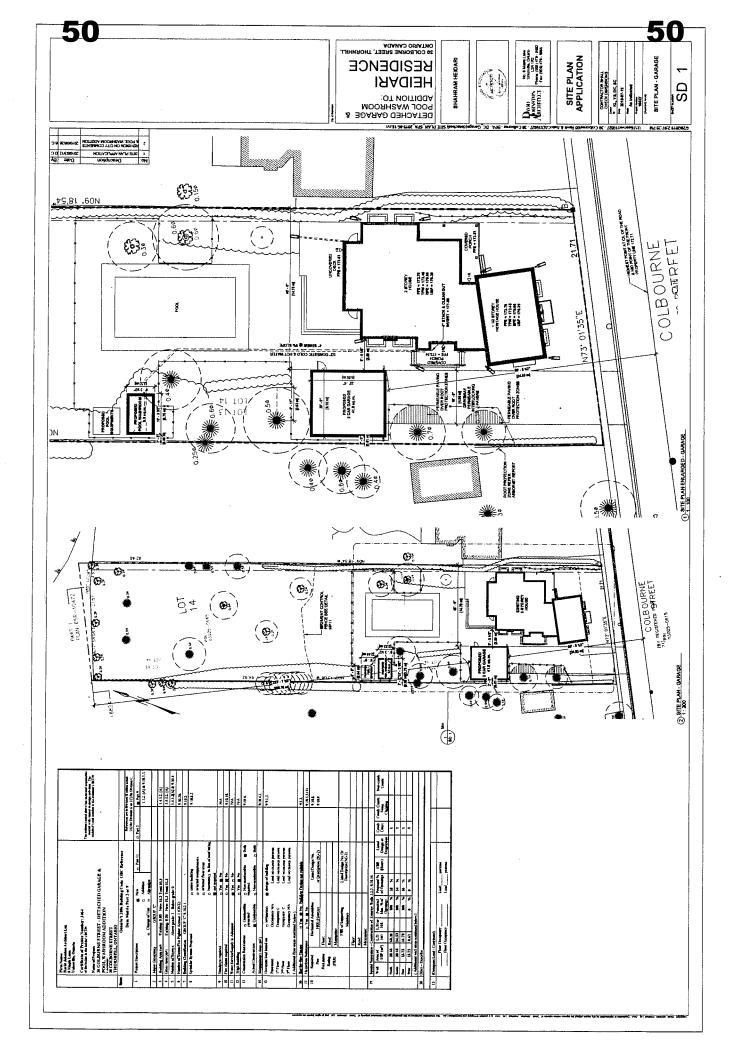
### **Suggested Heritage Markham Recommendation:**

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the revised Site Plan Control application for the construction of a detached, 2-car garage and a poolside washroom subject to the applicant entering into a Site Plan Agreement containing the usual conditions regarding colours, materials, etc.

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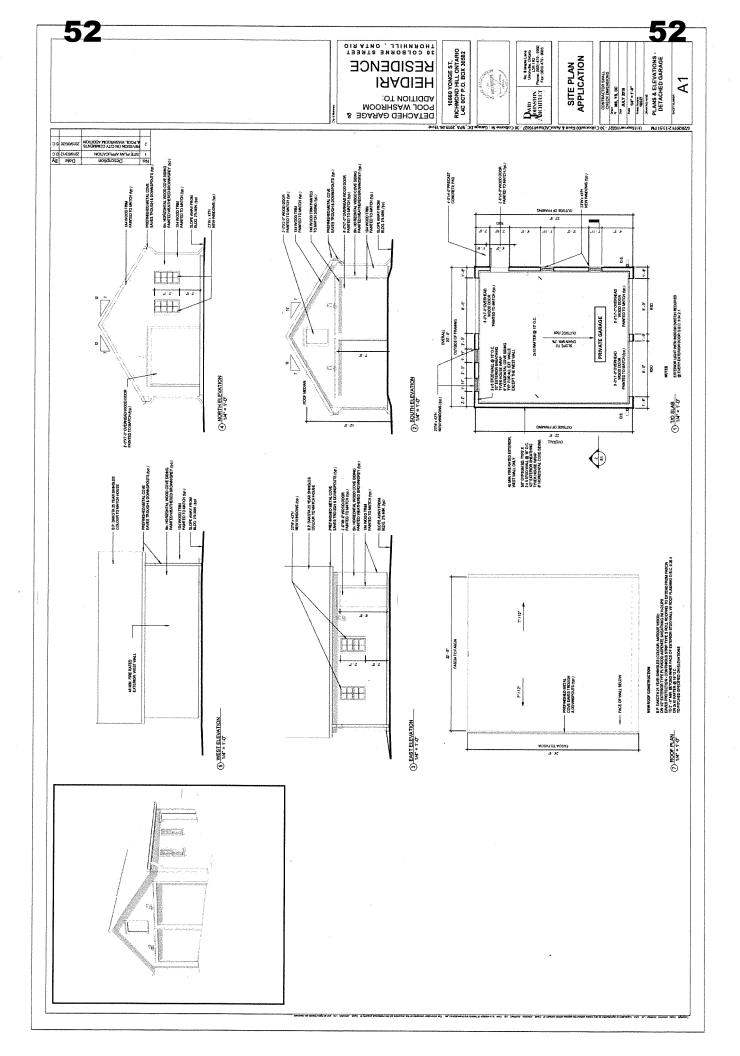




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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Site Plan Control Application

48 Washington Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

SPC 19 125118

**Property/Building Description**: 1-1/2 storey single detached dwelling constructed c. 1870

Use: Residential

Heritage Status: Designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act and

identified as a Type 'A' building or buildings that define the

heritage character of the district.

#### Application/Proposal

• The owner has submitted a site plan application seeking permission to remove the existing front porch (c. 1920s) and construct a new 5.4 m<sup>2</sup> (58 ft<sup>2</sup>) front porch designed to be more complementary to the Gothic Revival architectural style of the building;

#### **Background**

• In 2017, the owner obtained approval for a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant in the amount \$10,452.50 for a new porch provided that the owner enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with the City (required for all grants in excess of \$5,000.00) and provided that the owner removes all existing inappropriate signage which was grandfathered because it was installed prior to the implementation of the City's Sign By-law.

### **Staff Comment**

- Staff has no objection to the design of the proposed front porch and recommends that Heritage Markham support the proposed design. The existing balcony door is to be fixed closed to allow the lower railing on the upper level (would not meet current Building Code).
- The removal of the existing porch may also trigger the requirement for a variance to allow a reduced setback to the property line. Heritage Markham should also indicate its

support for such a variance. The fee by-law allows the City to not charge a fee for a variance affecting a heritage building or heritage property where Heritage Section staff or Heritage Markham Committee has supported the implementation of a historic condition or feature.

### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

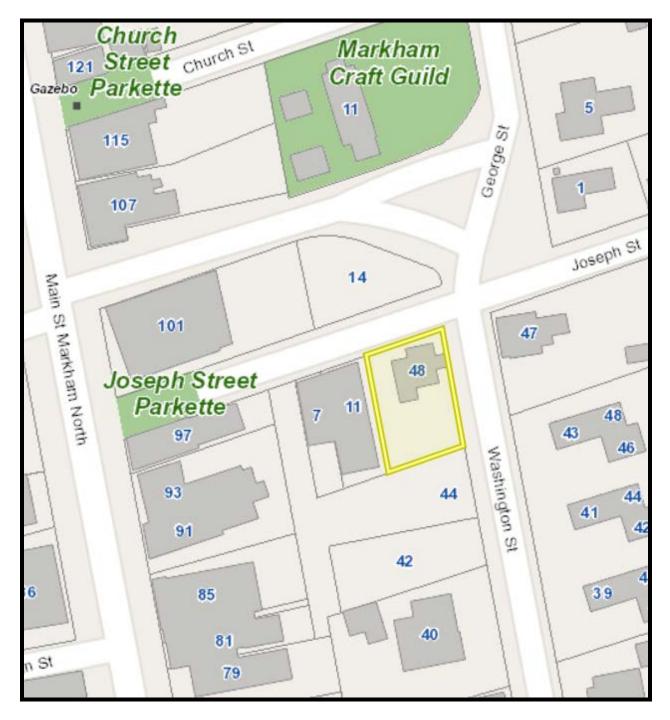
THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the design of the proposed replacement front porch for 48 Washington Street, provided that the owner enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with the City for any grant in excess of \$5,000.000 and provided that all existing inappropriate grandfathered signage is removed from the building;

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to any variance that may be required to introduce the new porch and as per the City's fee by-law for Committee of Adjustment applications affecting heritage properties, there be no fee as this would be implementing a historic condition or feature;

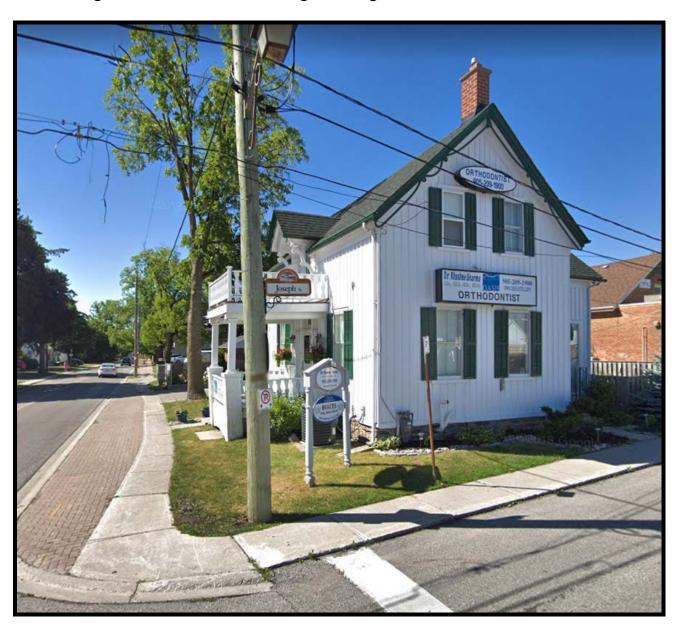
AND THAT the applicant enter into a site plan agreement with the City containing the standard conditions regarding materials, colours etc.

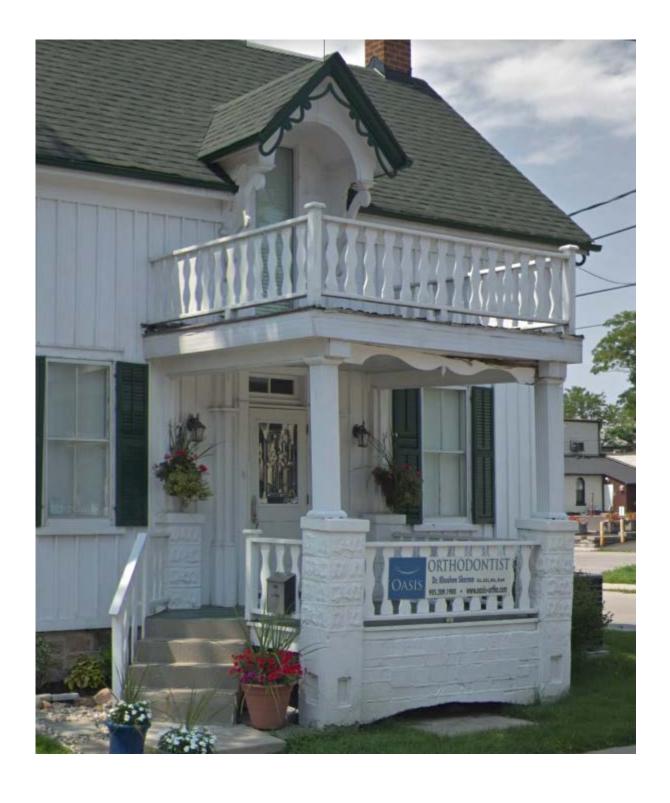
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# 48 Washington Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District



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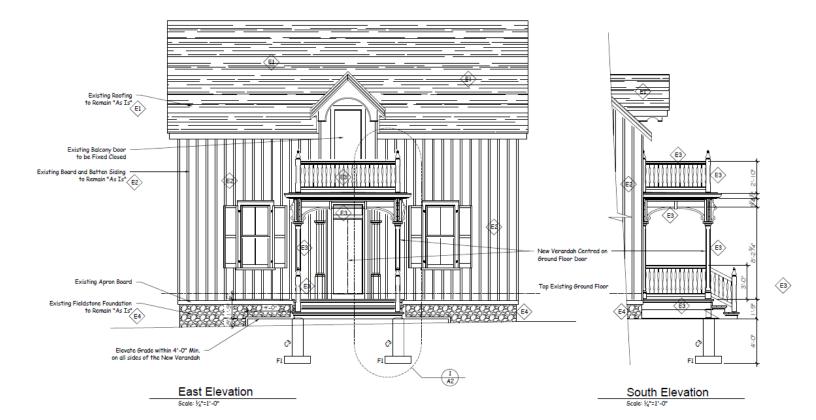




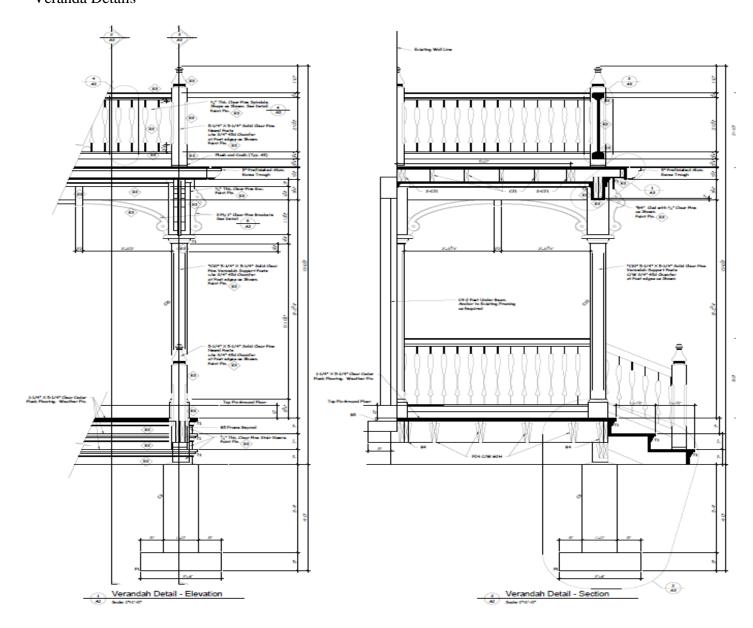
# Proposed Site Plan



# **Proposed Elevations**



# Veranda Details







### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** July 10, 2019

**SUBJECT: STUDIES / PROJECTS** 

Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence Program

**Proposed Event for 2019** 

**Project:** Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence Event

#### **Background**

- Heritage Markham has had an awards recognition program since 2000 when the first 25 Awards of Excellence were awarded as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for Heritage Markham. An outline of the program is attached, with a sample award and the criteria for the awards.
- Heritage Markham Committee has traditionally held the Awards of Excellence ceremony on an annual or bi-annual basis. The last Awards of Excellence was held in December 2017
- In 2017, 32 projects/individuals were celebrated at an event held in the Canada Room of the Civic Centre.
- At Heritage Markham's November 14, 2018 meeting, an Awards of Excellence subcommittee was formed to oversee the proposed event with respect to assisting staff in selecting the venue, date and refreshments. The members are Evelin Ellison and Jennifer Peters-Morales. At that time, a date had not yet been chosen for the award ceremony. The sub-committee has not yet met.

#### **Staff Comments**

 At the November 2018 meeting, it was suggested that members of Heritage Markham and the Sub-Committee submit nominations for potential award candidates in the identified categories for works completed between mid-2016 and 2019 (these nominations would be reviewed by the Sub-Committee and the final recipients be approved by the full Heritage Markham Committee.

• Staff has come up with a preliminary list of projects in Thornhill, Unionville and Markham Village that could be potential award recipients. The projects involve complementary infill, complementary additions, and restoration (see attached).

- Staff suggests that if the number of potential award recipients is small, that Heritage Markham may wish to wait to hold the event in another year, when there may be more projects to honour.
- Alternatively, Heritage Markham members may be aware of projects or people that could be nominated to increase the number in order to have a larger event.
- If Heritage Markham wishes to proceed with planning an Awards of Excellence event for 2019, the planning needs to commence by August at the latest, for a potential event in October or November.
- Committee should also note that staff is also currently very busy planning all aspects of the 2020 Ontario Heritage Conference to be held in May 2020

### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

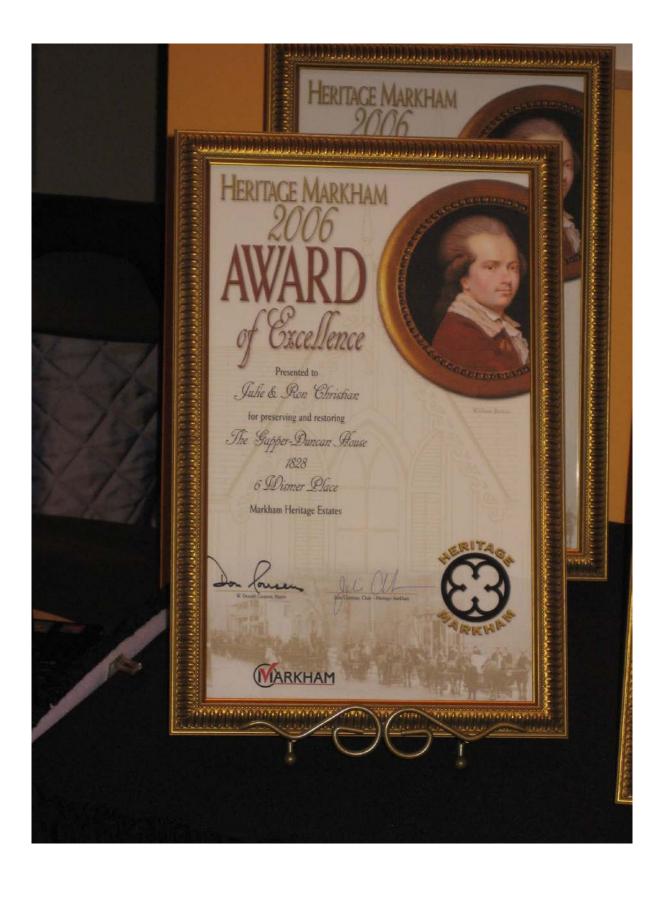
THAT the 2019 Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence ceremony be confirmed for the fall of 2019 and that the Awards of Excellence Sub-Committee work with Heritage Section staff to determine an appropriate date, venue and other organizational aspects;

AND THAT Heritage Markham members submit potential candidates for the 2019 Awards of Excellence program (project completed from mid 2016 to the present) by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be reviewed by the Sub-Committee.

OR

That the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence event be postponed until the fall of 2020

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# Heritage Markham **Awards of Excellence**

The City of Markham is committed to the protection and preservation of its architectural heritage and special heritage areas in the community. It is the objective of the Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence to honour and recognize the excellent work undertaken in the preservation and restoration of our community's cultural heritage resources. This award program was created in 2000 as part of Heritage Markham's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Eligibility**:

The Awards are open to individuals, companies and organizations. The project must be located within the City of Markham. The project must have been completed within the last two years, with the exception of the Awards recognizing long-term service and contribution to heritage conservation initiatives.

Award Format: The certificates are 8 ½ x 14 in size and are framed for display. Certificates may also be available for all major contributors to the project.

**Submissions:** 

Applications for the Award may be nominated by members of the public and by members of Heritage Markham. An individual can also nominate his/her own project. Individuals may submit as many different entries as they wish, but a separate submission must be made for each entry.

The following material is required with each entry:

- a) Name and Address of Nominee and
- b) Name and Address of Nominator
- c) An brief summary of the project describing the work undertaken
- d) Photographs illustrating the nominated work.

### **Categories:**

- 1) **Heritage Preservation** – retention and preservation of a heritage resource in new developments.
- **Restoration Corporate** 2)
- **Restoration Private Residential** 3)
- Complementary New Construction (i.e. infill building in a heritage 4) district)
- **Complementary New Addition** (to a cultural heritage resource) 5)
- **Heritage Education** 6)
- **Individual Effort** (in the field of heritage conservation) 7)
- Outstanding Achievement Award (given in exceptional 8) circumstances to those individuals or projects that have made an outstanding and long-lasting contribution to the conservation of heritage in Markham)

9) **Natural Heritage/Heritage Landscape** (natural heritage works within a cultural heritage context of heritage landscape works)

Awards may not be given in all award categories each year.

**Selection**: All nominations will be reviewed by an Awards Sub-Committee of Heritage

Markham comprised of the Chair of Heritage Markham and at least 2

additional members as well as Heritage Section staff. Heritage Markham will make the final selection based on the recommendations of the Awards Sub-

Committee.

**Presentation**: The awards are presented on an annual basis at the Heritage Markham Awards

of Excellence Ceremony.

**Deadline for** 

**Submissions:** All public nominations for 2019 must be received at the City offices by

XXXXX.

**Enquiry**: Please address any enquiries to:

Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence

Heritage Section – Development Services Commission

101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3

905-477-7000, ext. 2585 905-475-4739 (Fax)

heritage@markham.ca

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 85 John Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

### **Award Category**:

Complementary New Construction

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Good modern rendition of Thornhill historical style (Arts and crafts)
- Appropriate scale and massing

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 41 Deanbank, Drive, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

# **Award Category**:

Complementary New Construction

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Good modern rendition of Thornhill historical style (Arts and crafts)
- Appropriate scale and massing

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 123 Main Street, Unionville Heritage Conservation District

# **Award Category**:

Complementary New Addition (to a cultural heritage resource)

Reasons for Nomination:

- Appropriate use of complementary materials
- Good scale and massing for streetscape

### **Issues or Concerns:**

• Work still on-going

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 128A Main Street, Unionville Heritage Conservation District

# **Award Category**:

Complementary New Construction

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Appropriate use of materials
- Good scale and massing for streetscape

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 118 Main Street, Unionville Heritage Conservation District

### Award Category:

Complementary New Addition

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Appropriate scale and massing
- Sympathetic to original house design

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 16 Church Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

# Award Category:

Restoration – Private Residential

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Restoration and replication of windows
- Appropriate new wood cladding
- Extensive wood rot, damage and fire damage had to be addressed

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 23 Washington Street

### **Award Category**:

Restoration – Private Residential

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

Removal of vinyl siding and restoration of underlying historic wood siding

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### **Issues or Concerns:**

• Currently adding an addition to the house which is still in progress

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 36 Peter Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

### Award Category:

Restoration – Private Residential

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Replication of gingerbread
- Complementary rear addition

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 23 Water Street, Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

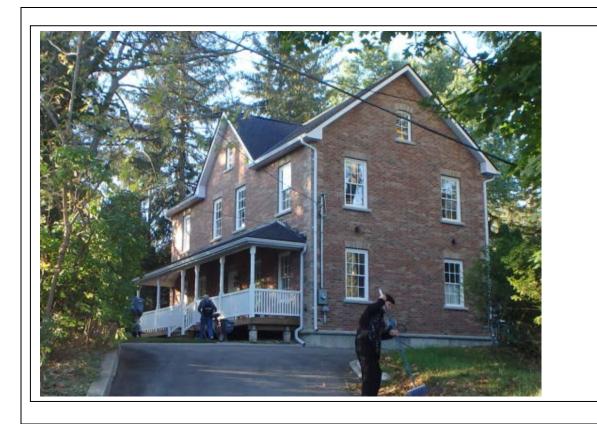
### **Award Category**:

**Complementary New Construction** 

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Good scale and massing
- Good use of traditional materials
- Style complementary to Markham Village

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 84 Main Street South

# Award Category:

Complementary New Construction

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Good use of materials
- Good scale and massing
- Traditional architecture style

#### **Issues or Concerns:**

• Project was to have shutters but applicant does not want to install

# **2019 Awards of Excellence Potential Candidates**



Address: 124 Main Street, Unionville Heritage Conservation District

### **Award Category:**

Natural Heritage/Heritage Landscape (natuarl heritage works within a cultural context or heritage landscape works)

### **Reasons for Nomination:**

- Installation of a traditional white picket fence
- Enhancement of heritage streetscape