

HERITAGE VAUGHAN COMMITTEE OCTOBER 22, 2014

1. AMENDMENT TO DESIGNATION BY-LAW 403-87, GEORGE MUNSHAW HOUSE – WARD 4

Recommendation

Cultural Heritage staff recommends:

1. That Heritage Vaughan approve the proposed by-law amendment to designation by-law 403-87 for the George Munshaw House.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, and Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

All agenda items and minutes relating to Heritage Vaughan committee meetings are circulated to relevant City departments, applicants and their representatives.

Purpose

This is an administrative item to amend "Schedule A", the legal description section, of the designation by-law (403-87) for the Munshaw House as the current legal description includes a much larger parcel of land from Major Mackenzie north to Queen Filomena and from Bathurst street west to the pond. The property is now being subdivided and therefore the house sits on a new lot within the plan.

Background - Analysis and Options

Legal Description of Current Designation By-law includes Much Larger Area

The designation by-law for the George Munshaw House (403-87) contains a legal description that comprises an area bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive, Queen Filomena, Bathurst Street, and a small pond at an area of roughly 187 acres. The entire area is currently being developed for a subdivision, file number 19T-03V13. The area where the Munshaw House sits is on a new parcel, file number 19T-13V011, which is currently under review. The owner has requested that the City amend the by-law to reflect the new legal description of lands on which the house is situated.

The George Munshaw house is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and was designated by Council in 1987. It is an early example of a balloon frame construction building constructed circa 1825-1850. The building is a one-and-a-half storey structure in the Georgian or Vernacular Homestead style.

Requirement under Ontario Heritage Act

The owner has requested to amend this designation by-law so that the designation by-law does not apply to the entire subdivision area, but rather, the new parcel created where the designated home is situated.

Individual property (Part IV, Section 29) designation by-laws may be amended by Council as per Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act. Section 30.1 (5) requires that the municipal heritage

committee be consulted first, therefore, this application is being presented to Heritage Vaughan and will then be placed on an agenda in an upcoming Council meeting for approval.

Munshaw House to Remain In-Situ

This proposed amendment to the by-law does not permit or approve the moving of the Munshaw House. Any future proposal to move the Munshaw House will come before Heritage Vaughan for approval and will also require an additional amendment to the designation by-law.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, however the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

See recommendation.

Attachments

n/a

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