

# Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022

**WARD(S):** 3

**TITLE:** DE-LISTING OF 3180 TESTON ROAD, A PROPERTY INCLUDED  
ON THE VAUGHAN HERITAGE INVENTORY AS A LISTED  
STRUCTURE OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE ('LSHS')

**FROM:**

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek a recommendation from the Heritage Vaughan Committee for the proposed removal of the subject property at 3180 Teston Road (shown in Attachment 2) from the Municipal Registrar as a *Listed Structure of Historical Significance* under Part IV Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**Report Highlights**

- Cultural Heritage staff request the removal of the subject property from the Listing of Structure of Architectural and Historical Significance ('LSHS')
- The property previously contained the Isaac Murray house, a built heritage feature that was destroyed by fire in March and August, 2011
- The destroyed built resource was the only contributing cultural heritage feature on the property; the property no longer has any cultural heritage value

**Recommendations**

THAT Heritage Vaughan recommend the approval of the proposed removal of the subject property from City of Vaughan Heritage Inventory as a *Listed Structure of Historical Significance*, under Section 27(1.3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

## **Background**

The subject property located at 3180 Teston Road once contained a one and half storey brick Georgian house. It was thought to be built in 1860, and was formally added to the Municipal Registrar in 2005, with a brief description as shown in Attachment 2.

In 2011, it suffered through two separate fires in March and August. The second fire caused significant damage. As a result, the Fire Prevention Inspector and Detective Constable on site requested a demolition permit be issued as soon as possible to facilitate the systematic dismantling.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Heritage Vaughan Minutes, September 21, 2011, pg.13](#)

## **Analysis and Options**

After the 2011 fire, Cultural Heritage staff submitted a report at the September 26, 2011 meeting of Heritage Vaughan, recommending its removal from the Municipal Register. However, the report was not forwarded to Council for approval and therefore did not meet the requirements for de-listing under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The subject property at 3180 Teston Road remained Listed on the Inventory under Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

As the subject property no longer retains its previously identified cultural heritage value, it must be removed from the City of Vaughan's LSHS Inventory. The de-Listing of this property was a condition of approval of the related Site Plan application DA.19.001 that the Owner must submit an application to de-list the property as specified by Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Following the fire and demolition, the subject property has been part of the Block 34E planning process and two development applications, 19T-20V006 and Z.20.033. It has been subject to an Archaeological Assessment and documentation of its cultural heritage value has been documented through photos and Stage 4 excavation.

## **Financial Impact**

There are no Financial Impacts associated with this report.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

There are no Regional impacts or considerations for this application.

## **Conclusion**

The built heritage resource at 3180 Teston Road was destroyed through fire in 2011. Despite the destruction by fire, its cultural heritage value has been documented through photos and archaeological fieldwork. However, there are no remaining cultural heritage resources and subsequently the property retains no cultural heritage value.

Cultural Heritage staff support the Heritage Vaughan Committee recommendation to Committee of the Whole that the subject property be removed from the LSHS register, as it no longer maintains the criteria for the Listing as a property of architectural, cultural heritage, or contextual significance.

**For more information**, please contact: Katrina Guy, Cultural Heritage Coordinator, Development Planning, ext. 8115

## **Attachments**

- Attachment 1 – 3180Teston – Location Map
- Attachment 2 – 3180Teston – Excerpt from the LSHS Inventory
- Attachment 3 – 3180Teston – house photos
- Attachment 4 – 3180Teston – Aerial views
- Attachment 5 – 3180Teston – Heritage Listing removal request

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