

**HERITAGE VAUGHAN COMMITTEE – MAY 24, 2023**

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**Item No.**

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| C1. | Adam Birrell, President, Thornhill Historical Society, Royal Orchard Boulevard, Thornhill, dated May 23, 2023. | 1 |
| C2. | Valerie Burke, dated May 23, 2023.   | 1 |

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# Thornhill Historical Society

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May 23, 2023

**Communication : C 1  
Heritage Vaughan Committee  
May 24, 2023  
Agenda Item # 1**

To the Members of Heritage Vaughan.

Re: Item 4.1 Proposed Demolition of Existing Structure and construction of detached house at 7808 Yonge Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

The Thornhill Historical Society is not supportive of the demolition of the circa 1856 home at 7808 Yonge Street. It is entirely possible for this 167-year-old building to have the “dangerous” materials remediated. There are many examples of successfully restored and inhabited historic buildings which have contained asbestos and other substances.

If the demolition is approved, the Thornhill Historical Society recommends that the windows on the most visible elevations along Yonge Street be at least 2 over 2, true-divided windows. In this way, they will not appear as modern as the rendering. This will be small compensation for the loss of yet another heritage building.

Sincerely,

Adam Birrell

President

Thornhill Historical Society

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**From:** Valerie Burke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 10:52 AM  
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**Cc:** Nick Borcescu <Nick.Borcescu@vaughan.ca>; Katrina Guy <Katrina.Guy@vaughan.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Heritage Vaughan - Item 4.1 - 7808 Yonge Street, Thornhill

I have requested to speak to this item.

To the Members of Heritage Vaughan

Re: Item 4.1 Proposed Demolition of Existing Structure and construction of detached house at 7808 Yonge Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

It is regrettable that the circa 1856 home at 7808 Yonge Street is proposed to be demolished due to many years of neglect. I am not convinced that the "dangerous" substances cannot be remediated. There are many examples of buildings which have contained asbestos, etc. and have been successfully restored and inhabited.

If the demolition is approved, I recommend that the windows on the most visible elevations along Yonge Street be at least 2 over 2, true-divided windows. In this way, they will not appear as modern as the rendering. This will be small compensation for the loss of yet another heritage building.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke