

Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

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**TITLE: PROPOSED LISTING UNDER SECTION 27, PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT OF 10953 JANE STREET**

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Heritage Vaughan Committee's support and recommend to the Committee of the Whole approval for the proposed Listing under Section 27 of the property municipally known as 10953 Jane Street. The subject property is located on the east side of Jane Street, north of Teston Road (as shown on Attachment 1).

Report Highlights

- Staff recommends the Listing of 10953 Jane Street, a 1-1/2 storey Ontario Gothic structure built in the late 1850s.
- The property holds associative and contextual cultural heritage value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value (see Attachment 2).
- The Listing of this property meets the criteria of the Vaughan Official Plan and the objectives and criteria of the *Ontario Heritage Act* Regulation 9/06 regarding the Listing of properties.

Recommendations

THAT Heritage Vaughan recommend Council approve the proposed listing as presented, subject to following conditions:

1. That Council approve the recommendation of the Heritage Vaughan Committee for the proposed Listing of 10953 Jane Street in accordance with Part IV, Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.
2. That within 30 days of the addition of the property to the Municipal Heritage Register, The City send a notice to the owner of the property.

Background

THE ORIGINS OF TESTON VILLAGE

The Village of Teston was initially called Thanessville, named after an Englishman by the name of Mr. Thane originally from the village of Heyshaw, Lancashire in England, who had arrived in Canada sometime between 1847 and 1852, and is believed to have built the first house in the village. Many of the first residents to live in the village also came from Lancashire, and they included the Wilsons, Garners, Jacksons, Hadwens, and Lunds. The name of the village was later changed to Teston sometime between 1867-1868, after Confederation. The new name is derived from the birthplace of an early settler by the name of T. Chapman, who was born in Teston, near Maidstone, in Kent, England.

LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

The village of Teston would become a thriving location. Two general stores, a church, two halls, a blacksmith shop, a woodworking shop, undertaking business, school, hotel, and a beer shop were all located in the village. George Wilson was the first postmaster, and his son Thomas J. Wilson, later succeeded him.

While the first blacksmith shop, a frame structure, was first owned by John Jackson, Joseph Lund later bought the property and built a new shop. Joseph Lund was a significant member within the community. His home was identifiable, as it was the only home built of brick in the village at the time. Mr. Lund was not only known as a businessman, but he was also a local preacher of the Primitive Methodists. Among his various business operations, he served as a blacksmith, storekeeper, undertaker, and wheelwright. The building located at 10933 Jane Street was Lund's General Store. Built in 1870, it was believed to be called "The Spite Store" because Mr. Lund felt the price for coal oil was expensive at Mr. Wilson's store. Since Mr. Wilson owned the first general store in Teston, it is alleged that the Lund store was then built in spite. Mr. Lund also built coffins and is responsible for building the first hearse that was used in the area. When Mr. Lund passed away in 1879, his son-in-law William Knight carried on the business until he moved to Maple.

Around 1860, one of the village homes was used as a school for a short period of time. The school was located at 10841 Jane Street, which was the home of Mrs. George Gray; during its brief operation, it had only 2 teachers: first was Jane Lucas, followed by Ann J. Lockhart. The students paid only twenty-five cents per month, and were taught reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Located on the west side of the village was The Grange Hall – now demolished. It served as a farmers' co-operative similar to the U.F.O (United Farmers of Ontario) and was later moved to the opposite side of the road.

The Teston United Church was another element in the village. The original log cabin dates back to 1870 and was built by the Wesleyan Methodists. At that time, it was known as Hadwin's (interchangeable with Hadwen) chapel, or Hadwen's appointment. The first minister was Rev. Thomas Hadwen, and his descendants were active in church activities. After the new church was built, opening services were held in January 1872. Beginning in 1890, Sunday School was led by Mrs. Adam Dicemen. To write lessons, a sandbox was initially used. This was later replaced by the blackboard. The church would go through various changes throughout the years. An extensive remodeling project occurred in the 1930's due to a decaying foundation; this would cost \$1,000. The interior of the church sanctuary was renovated in the 1940's, there was a ceremony for the breaking of the sod for the addition that was added to the church in the 1950's, and in the 1960's the basement was renovated; with contributions made from people from the community. In 1952, an article from *The Liberal* indicates the celebrations were held to mark the 80th anniversary of Teston United Church. The church would later be demolished in 2005. There were also homes that were once located south of the church. Evidence of their existence are marked by groupings of lilac trees.

The decline of the growth of Teston is contributed to the railway expansion in other parts of Vaughan. It is understood that the population of Teston grew to a little over 100 people.

Concession 4, Lots 26 and 27: PROPERTIES OF INTEREST

The remnants of Teston Village are located on the east side of Jane Street. The properties of interest are located on the western portion of the lot 26 and lot 27 – which are showcased by the smaller lots. This area would be considered the community's "main street" that would include businesses and residential properties. The 2015 Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA), has also identified the properties as potential Built Heritage Resources within the Cultural Heritage Landscape and include the following addresses:

10831 Jane Street
10841 Jane Street
10891 Jane Street
10915-10921 Jane Street
10945 Jane Street
10953 Jane Street
10967 Jane Street

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

Staff finds that, as examined from archival documentation and a site visit, the subject property holds cultural heritage value and meets the criteria set out by the Province of Ontario under *Ontario Heritage Act* Regulation 9/06 for the Listing of a property under

Section 27. The cultural and heritage values of the property are described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value (see Attachment 2).

Financial Impact

There are no Financial Impacts associated with this report.

Operational Impact

There are no Operational Impacts associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no Regional impacts or considerations for this application.

Conclusion

Staff finds that as examined from archival documentation and a site visit, the subject property holds cultural heritage value and meets the criteria as set out by the Province of Ontario under *Ontario Heritage Act* Regulation 9/06 for the categories of design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

The Development Planning Department is satisfied the proposed Listing of 10953 Jane Street conforms to the policies of the Vaughan Official Plan and the objectives and criteria of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Accordingly, staff can support a Heritage Vaughan recommendation for Council approval of the proposed Listing of 10953 Jane Street under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

For more information, please contact: Aminata Shaw, Heritage Specialist, ext. 8813.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – 10953Jane_Location Map.

Attachment 2 – 10953Jane_Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.

Attachment 3 - 10953Jane_Teston historic Maps.

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