

Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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TITLE: DELISTING OF 8286 ISLINGTON AVENUE, A PROPERTY INCLUDED ON THE VAUGHAN HERITAGE INVENTORY AS A LISTED STRUCTURE OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE ('LSHS')

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 removal of the subject property at 8286 Islington Avenue (shown in Attachment 1) from the Municipal Register as a *Listed Structure of Historical Significance* under Part IV Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Report Highlights

- Cultural Heritage staff are requesting the subject property be removed from the Register of Cultural Properties of Historical Value.
- The property previously contained a 2-storey house that was altered repeatedly and irreversibly.
- Based on independent professional recommendation, this property no longer has cultural heritage value.

Recommendation

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 was listed in 2005 on the Register of Heritage Properties, but there is no record of a description of the building or reasons for the listing. Based on stylistic cues, construction is estimated in the early 20th century. The property belonged to the adjacent church at 8274 Islington Avenue, and it may have been the pastor's residence. This parcel was sold by the church in 1950 (and took on the current address) and was bought back by the successor church in 2015, by which time it had a variety of owners, uses, and alterations. The altered building cannot be said to define or support the surrounding context.

Previous Reports/Authority

There are no previous reports.

Analysis and Options

This is a rambling house-form building, much added-to and altered over its life. It was originally auxiliary to a country church, but since its original construction the character of the area has radically changed. The building is neither rare nor unique in its design or construction, and the designer and builder are unknown. It does not demonstrate craftsmanship or technical mastery. The submitted scoped CHIA (see attachment 2) recommends that the subject property does not possess the degree of heritage value or interest to merit preservation.

Financial Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Operational Impact

There are no operational impacts or considerations.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no broader Regional impacts or considerations.

Conclusion

The built heritage resource at 8286 Islington Avenue does not possess the degree of heritage value or interest to merit preservation.

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: Nick R. Borcescu, Senior Heritage Planner, ext. 8191.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – 8286Islington_Location Map

Attachment 2 – 8286Islington_Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment

Attachment 3 – 8286Islington_Request to delist

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