

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2024

Item 48, Report No. 25, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment, by the Council of the City of Vaughan via recorded vote on June 25, 2024:

48. RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE 7961 JANE STREET UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

1. That the Notice of Intent to Designate 7961 Jane Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, be withdrawn;
2. That the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 18, 2024, be received; and
3. That the comments and communication of the following speaker be received:
 1. Christienne Uchiyama, LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc., Yonge Street, North York.

Recommendations

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2. That City Council consider the Notice of Objection dated May 15, 2024, and affirm its decision of March 26, 2024, stating its intention to designate the subject property at 7961 Jane Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
3. That the By-law to designate 7961 Jane Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, which will be prepared in a form satisfactory to the City, be approved and enacted by City Council.

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

WARD(S): 1

TITLE: RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE 7961 JANE STREET UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE

FROM:

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To provide Council with information, analysis, and options regarding the Notice of Objection to the City's Notice of Intent to Designate (NOID), and to recommend to the Committee of the Whole **not to withdraw the Notice of Intent to Designate** the subject property municipally known as 7961 Jane Street (as shown on Attachment 1), but to proceed with enacting the By-law to designate The Smith Family House at 7961 Jane Street, Vaughan, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Report Highlights

- The Owner(s) served a Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intent to Designate 7961 Jane Street on May 15, 2024
- Staff reviewed the objection, and provided further clarification and revisions to the Designation supporting documents in consultation with the Owner's representatives.
- Staff recommend the City proceed to designate 7961 Jane Street and approve the Designation By-law under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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Background

Cultural Heritage staff submitted a report proposing Designation of the subject property at 7961 Jane Street for Heritage Vaughan Committee recommendation to City Council, on January 31, 2024. This was reviewed at Committee of the Whole (1) on March 5, 2024, and Council affirmed its Intent to Designate by publishing the intent on March 26, 2024.

An Objection to Designation was received on May 15, 2024, from Christienne Uchiyama (LHC Heritage Planning and Archaeology, heritage consultants for the property owner), see Attachment 2. Cultural Heritage staff opened communications with the property owner's heritage consultants on May 24, 2024.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Heritage Vaughan Committee](#) – January 31, 2024

[Committee of the Whole \(1\)](#) – March 5, 2024

[Council meeting](#) – March 26, 2024

Analysis and Options

The Letter of Objection (see Attachment 2) states that the owner objects to select elements identified in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance as presented with the staff report, and requests clarification and further research prior to consenting to the designation.

Staff was invited to a site visit and meeting with the property owner and the heritage consultants and was provided an opportunity for interior and exterior photography and a discussion of clarification terms. Subsequent to the site visit, staff has conducted further detailed research (see Attachment 3) that has concluded further support to designate and has shared the findings with the owner's heritage consultant with the intent of resolving the required clarifications.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Under Section 29 (6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council may decide whether or not to withdraw the Notice of Intent to Designate the property. A Notice of Intent to Designate was served onto the property owner(s) and was published on the City's

website. By withdrawing the Notice of Intent to Designate, a Notice of Withdrawal would be served onto the owner(s) and a copy would be posted on the City's website.

1. Decline the Notice of Objection

By declining the objection, Council affirms the City's decision to designate the property and adopt the Designation By-law. The goal of designation is to ensure the City encourage the rehabilitation, renovation and restoration of built heritage resources to appropriately manage, conserve and protect Vaughan's cultural heritage.

- Cultural Heritage staff, in collaboration with the owner's heritage consultants, have revised the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.
- The subject property continues to meet 5 of the 9 possible criteria under O.Reg. 9/06 where a minimum of only 2 criteria are required for designation candidacy.
- Protection of the property is consistent with both provincial, regional, and local policy which directs the City must conserve significant built heritage resources.

Should the designation proceed, the Owner(s) may appeal the designating by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) once the designating by-law has been passed, notice has been provided, and by-law has been published in accordance with Section 29(8) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Through an appeal under s. 29 of the OHA, there is an opportunity for heritage attributes to be modified during the appeal process, should the OLT deem it appropriate. The decision of the OLT is binding.

2. Withdraw the Notice of Intent to Designate

Council could choose this option if it is convinced by the Notice of Objection claim that the building does not possess the cultural heritage value identified by Cultural Heritage staff. It should also be noted that should Council decide not to proceed with a Notice of Intention to Designate, that the building will be removed from the City's Municipal Heritage Register. Once removed, it cannot be re-listed on the Register again for five (5) years, i.e., January 1, 2032.

- Designation does not restrict the legal use of property, prohibit alterations and additions, does not restrict the sale of a property, and has been demonstrated to increase its resale value.
- Designation ensures the City's ability to manage change to the heritage attributes of the subject property through the Heritage Permit process.
- Without designation, the subject property stands at risk of losing its cultural identity, and the heritage, environmental, informational, and aesthetic values.

Staff does not consider withdrawing the Notice of Intention to Designate the subject property to be a responsible conservation measure. By withdrawing the Notice of Intention to Designate, the City would be unable to provide long-term management, conservation, and legal protection to this significant cultural heritage resource and would not fulfil the legal mandate established by existing municipal and provincial policies.

Financial Impact

N/A

Operational Impact

N/A

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

Withdrawing the Notice of Intention to Designate would deprive the City of its capacity to enact long-term management, conservation, and legal safeguards for this significant cultural heritage asset. Without designation, the property is vulnerable to losing its cultural identity and the associated social, heritage, environmental, informational, and aesthetic values.

Considering that the property meets 5 out of 9 criteria (not contested by the owner) under O.Reg 9/06 of *Ontario Heritage Act* for Part IV designation, and clarifications and revisions were made in consultation with the landowner's representatives, the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage recommends that Council approve the designation of 7961 Jane Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

For more information, contact Shahrzad Davoudi-Strike, Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, ext. 8653.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Notice of Objection
3. Staff Response and Research

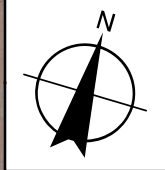
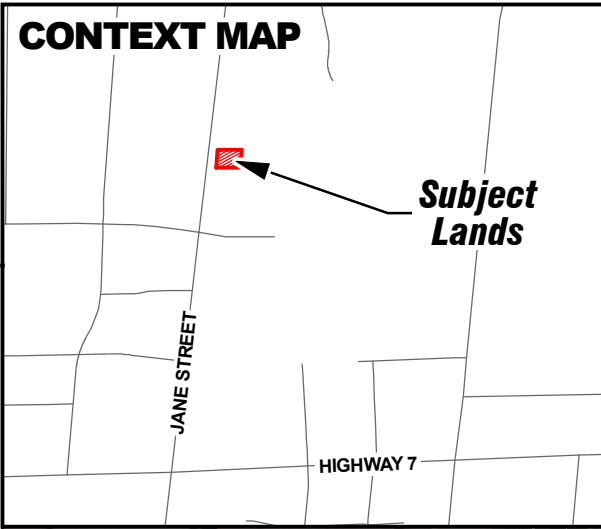
Prepared by

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CONTEXT MAP



Location Map

LOCATION:
7961 Jane Street
Part of Lot 7, Concession 4



Attachment

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DATE:
June 18, 2024



14 May, 2024

Todd Coles
City Clerk
City of Vaughan
Office of the Clerk
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive West
Vaughan, ON
L6A 1T1

Sent via email: clerks@vaughan.ca

Re: Notice of Objection for the Proposed Designation of 7961 Jane Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Dear Mr. Coles:

LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc. (“LHC”) has been retained to provide heritage consulting services and advice to Cola Holdings Inc. (the “Owner”), the registered owner of 7961 Jane Street (the “Property”).

On 16 April 2024 Municipal Council issued a Notice of Intention to Designate for 7961 Jane Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18 as amended (“OHA”). Please consider this letter as the Owner’s objection to the proposed designation of the Property under Part IV Section 29 (5) of the OHA.

The Owner understands that the property may have cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI). However, they request that designation of the Property be deferred until LHC can prepare an independent evaluation of the Property and requests the opportunity to work with City heritage staff to confirm the CHVI of the Property and/or refine the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and list of heritage attributes for the Property.

LHC has reviewed the evaluation of the Property under *Ontario Regulation 9/06 (O. Reg. 9/06)* included in the 31 January 2024 *Heritage Vaughan Committee Report*, its attachments—including the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*—and the Notice of Intention to Designate. The reasons for objection include:

- The *O. Reg. 9/06* evaluation included in the *Heritage Vaughan Committee Report* and the

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value includes a limited architectural description of the house and limited history of the Property. It does not include analysis on how this information demonstrates that the Property meets criteria from *O. Reg. 9/06*.

- The *O. Reg. 9/06* evaluation indicates that the Property meets criteria 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 but does not explain how each criteria is met.
 - For criteria 1, the information included does not describe if the house is a rare, unique, representative or early expression of a style, type, expression, material or construction method. The information provided only describes the house as an Edwardian—foursquare—style.
 - For criteria 2, there is no discussion of how the house demonstrates that it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit. Furthermore, in our professional experience a visit to the building would be required to determine if it demonstrates craftsmanship and there is no evidence that the Property was visited.
 - For criteria 4, the brief history of the property and associated people in the evaluation and *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* describes early settlers and 19th century history. The history does not clearly describe a **direct association** that is significant. Much of the history presented appears to pre-date construction of the house. It is unclear how the house and current lot configuration are directly connected with this earlier history except that the lot was created out of a larger plot owned by the broader family.

In our experience, a direct association requires the person who lived in or built a house to be significant themselves. A grandfather/grandmother, father/mother, uncle/aunt, son/daughter, etc... who was a significant person or early settler or landowner is not a direct association. The analysis for evaluation should be revised to clearly demonstrate a direct association between the Property and themes, events, beliefs, people, activities, organizations or institutions that are significant to a community.

Regarding the date range associated with the house of 1879-1915; our preliminary research includes a newspaper article on the Smith Farm from 1960 that indicates the house was built in 1934 (newspaper article attached). We also reviewed late 19th and early 20th century census data and Barbara Plander's 1975 report *A Report of Buildings Pre-1900 in the Township of Vaughan* and Kathryn Anderson's 1988 article on "Concession 4, Lot 7, Edgeley: Jacob Smith Family", *Architectural and Historical Reports*, in Vol. III, J-K, prepared by the Town of Vaughan. Information from these sources indicate a 1930s date of construction for the house. Additional research should be completed in an attempt to confirm this.

- For criteria 5, there is no discussion how this Property yields or has the potential to yield information that contributes to a community of culture.
- For criteria 8, the evaluation describes a historical link and physical location of the property. It describes how the Smith family owned the land and built the house.

However, there is no discussion how this is a historical link to its context. The contextual value discussion describes how “the building reflects their [Smith family] success and hard work in the establishment of a homestead”. However, this Property appears to have no tangible remains of a homestead or this early history. There does not appear to be a connection between the house on the Property and any earlier homestead. Furthermore, the context around the Property is significantly changed from that of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Other than the nearby cemetery, nothing of the 19th or early 20th century context or the former rail yard context appears to remain in the area.

Concerns with the list of heritage attributes in the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* include:

- The heritage attributes describe broad features instead of specific features that must be retained to conserve cultural heritage value. There is concern that the vague nature of the heritage attributes introduces potential for different interpretation which could make conservation of the heritage attributes and planning for change on the Property challenging.
- Without more detailed information and analysis in the evaluation and a clear statement of if the house is rare, unique, representative or early it is unclear what exactly the heritage attributes are intended to conserve.
- The heritage attributes under the Historical/Associative Value and Contextual Value categories are unclear and are not physical features that contribute to or support the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property.

Concerns with the Notice of Intention to Designate include:

- That the Reasons for Proposed Designation are not the same as the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*. Based on this difference it is unclear what details a heritage designation by-law will contain.

In summary, on behalf of the Owner, in our professional opinion additional research, analysis and evaluation should be completed before this Property is considered for designation under Part IV Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The CHVI of the Property should be confirmed and *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* should be revised to precisely describe heritage attributes of the Property.

Sincerely,



Christienne Uchiyama, MA CAHP

Principal | Manager, Heritage Consulting Services
LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc.

Cc: Owner
Nick R. Borcescu, Senior Heritage Planner

Encl: Notice of Intention to Designate, dated 16 April 2024.

Smith Farm Vaughan 158 Years in Family, The Liberal, Thursday February 4, 1960.
Newspaper article by Mona Robertson.



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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate 7961 Jane Street pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

INTENT TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan intends to designate for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* the property municipally known as **7961 Jane Street** in the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

7961 Jane Street is an example of the Foursquare style, also known as American Foursquare, considered a subtype of the Edwardian style. The two-storey red brick structure is set back from the road, and the front elevation faces Jane Street.

7961 Jane Street is associated with the Smith family, who were early settlers in Vaughan around 1799. The property remained in the family for 165 years. When the Smith family ownership came to an end in 1966, it was then taken over by the Canadian National Railway which used the property as part of their large marshalling yard. Originally called the Toronto Yard, it was later renamed in 1975 as the MacMillan Yard, after former president Norman J. MacMillan.

The contextual value of the subject property relates to the building's historical link and physical location on the property. Located on the west half of Lot 7, Concession 4, and set back from the road, the property historically represents a way of life during the time period it was built and connects to the Smith family. The Smith family not only made contributions that supported the development of Vaughan, but they were also early settlers in the area. This building reflects their success and hard work in the establishment of a homestead. It is here that the merit of the house lies, just as much as in the architectural value.

A copy of this Notice of Intent to Designate may be found on the City of Vaughan's Heritage Notice webpage: [Heritage Notices | City of Vaughan](#)

A full statement of the Cultural Heritage Value of this property may be obtained through linking to the original [Heritage Vaughan](#) report.

ANY PERSON MAY, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan, a notice of objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, on or before 4:30 p.m. **Wednesday May 15, 2024** to be sent by registered mail or dropped off in person to:

Office of the City Clerk, City of Vaughan
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Objections can also be submitted via email at: clerks@vaughan.ca If a notice of objection is received, the Clerk will refer the matter to the City of Vaughan Council for reconsideration.

Dated at Vaughan this **16th day of April, 2024**

Todd Coles, City Clerk

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We are glad to know that plans are about to be made for a local hospital.

In an area which boasts of so many churches representative of so many facets of the Christian faith; possessing so many educational assets: the fine high schools, public schools, well-equipped public libraries, a school for retarded children — as well as providing recreational facilities, appreciation and teaching of the arts — it's high time we had a centre of healing in our midst.

Although the dream of a hospital here is not a new one to many, it has taken a great many years to "get to the point".

As far back as 1953 "The Liberal" was receiving "Letters to the Editor" from Mrs. Charles Ratchford, who urged that a hospital was needed in this district — to supply the needs of the growing population. We asked Mrs. Ratchford what her reaction was to the notice in our last issue that "Initial steps have been taken for the founding of a new hospital . . . and preliminary study by municipal leaders and members of the Medical Association has resulted in the calling of a public meet-

ing for Thursday, February 11th, at 8 p.m., in the McConaghy School Auditorium" . . . her reply, which must echo the reaction of hundreds of other mothers in this area, was, "Wonderful news".

We single out this one woman, who is the mother of ten children, because as she said, "I haven't missed a year in hospital since 1944 — for one reason or another. And to have to go miles away from my family and friends to be admitted to a hospital, has made me realize that a hospital in one's own district means the end of loneliness to those hospitalized — it also means hours saved in travelling, for our local doctors".

All those interested in promoting a local hospital and seeing it get off to a good start, should make it a point to attend the February 11th meeting, when a provisional board of directors will be appointed and plans discussed for the early establishment of the hospital. This invitation includes residents of the neighbouring municipalities, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill . . . who will benefit alike from such a worthy and necessary project.

Leadership In Research

Over the years, Canada has shown the way to the world in many aspects of medical research. It was here that insulin, the life-blood of the diabetic, was discovered; it was here that important work in the development of the Salk vaccine for poliomyelitis was carried out.

We should be proud that we have, in Canada, doctors and medical scientists who can prove the leadership, inspiration and imagination to the world of medicine.

Today, many of these men and women are engaged in an all-out fight against heart disease. They are fortunate to have at their disposal the facilities of our medical schools which

are among the finest in the world. Already much of their effort has been crowned with success.

Research on heart disease in Canada need know no bounds, unless it is limited by the lack of funds. During this month, the Canadian Heart Fund is conducting a drive to ensure that the research may continue uninterrupted. Funds are needed to meet expenses incidental to the work and to maintain the doctors and medical scientists on fellowships.

All of us have a vital stake in the fight against heart disease. Our support of the Canadian Heart Fund will help our medical scientists to conquer yet another enemy of mankind.

Smith Farm Vaughan 158 Years In Family

by Mona Robertson

"At that time Upper Canada —
A forest covered land —
Which seemed to hold inducements —
For a settler it looked grand . . ."

This is part of a poem entitled "Pioneers in My Ancestry" by the late Menno Smith, which found its way to the editorial desk of "The Liberal", following our recent item about the 147 year old Puterbaugh farm in Vaughan Township, and our query, "Can any other family beat this record?"

Apparently the Smith family of the 1st Lot, No. 7, Concession 4, Vaughan Township, can, for this family moved to this locality, now known as Edgeley, in the year 1801.

In 1799 a bachelor by name of John Smith came to Canada from Somerset County, Pennsylvania, seeking farm land. He searched for two years, finally taking over two hundred acres of land on the 4th of Vaughan, August 1, 1801. Then he was joined by his brother Jacob, his wife and eight children, who took over the farm. Some of Jacob Smith's children returned later to Pennsylvania, but four of his sons, and possibly two of the daughters remained.

One of the daughters married a Samuel Moyer and went to live at Vineland, Ontario, and whether or not the former Miss Smith was a matchmaker or not we do not know, but two or three of her brothers later married girls whom they met at Vineland. The records we saw said, "they married girls whom they met at Vineland, which was one of their overnight stops on their trips back and forth to Pennsylvania, when they went for more supplies".

Jacob Smith junior remained on the original homestead in Vaughan; Samuel took the west half of Lot 6; Daniel took the East half of Lot 6; John, the oldest boy of the family took Lot 5, Concession 5, although records indicate he first farmed Lot 15, Concession 5 Vaughan Township, where most of his children were born.

Jacob had a family of eight children, like his grandfather, but three of his sons died young. Two sons, Abraham and Samuel, divided the original farmland between them, Abraham taking the north part and Samuel the south 100 acres. Later Abraham sold his farm (in the year 1890) and moved to Markham.

Samuel had a family of two sons and two daughters. Jerry and Menno were the sons; Menno remaining on the farm, Jerry moving to Richmond Hill.

In 1934 Menno built a house on the corner of the farm where he spent his declining years, his whole life having been lived on the south half of Lot 7 as was his father's before him.

Allan Smith, Menno's son, took over the farm from his father and still resides there, although in 1959 the Canadian National Railway purchased fifty acres of the farm as part of the proposed marshalling yard — which incidentally will follow the pattern of the one in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The fifty acres, on which Allan still resides, includes the area on which the settlers built their first set of farm buildings. However none of those original buildings of over 150 years ago remain today — yet there are traces of old land marks such as a cellar over which the old log house stood; the black soil where the old outdoor bake-oven had been; the indent in the hill used for breaking flax, to make the linen for their clothes — and a small patch of peppermint and spearmint still grows in the early spring and wafts its perfume on the summer winds.

And near the farmhouse site is the little churchyard set apart by the family who came to Vaughan Township 158 years ago.

How tenderly Menno Smith records the saga of his family in his poem, which tells of the building of the first log house — then the two storey dwelling "with attic rather low" — and one can visualize Menno as a boy asking his father "Why was such strength needed in the large square-hewn log which carried the heavy joist for the second floor?" His father replied, "For a time part of that

floor was used to store the grain."

The homely article of family life, the grandfather clock, is incorporated into the poem too: brought from Pennsylvania on one of the many trips to bring all the family possessions to the new home in Vaughan Township, of it the poet says:

"That clock has kept on running From that day unto this
Excepting only for repairs
A few days it would miss,
Grandfather style it surely is
And a thirty hour kind
A dial to tell the date as well
Within each month you'll find,
Makes no mistake when days of month

Have thirty one in each
In other months just turn the dial
So number one is reached"

Menno Smith went on to explain through his poetry about a remarkable attachment this clock had for one waking at night and wishing to know the time . . . there was no need to strike a flint and light a candle or lamp, all one did was to reach from his bed, pull a string — and the clock would strike the last hour!

Could this clock have been the product of the late Jerry Smith, or was it rather the instrument which made Jerry Smith, Menno Smith's brother, the grand old man of watchmaking, and a noted watchmaker of Richmond Hill.

NEWMARKET: The whole police department is taking judo lessons at Newmarket. High School weekly — to help them in their police work. They keep up with the despatches office with a "walkie-talkie" radio in the gym.



By Calvin H. Chambers

Facts and Faith

THE LIFE COURAGEOUS

The teachings of the Beatitudes end on a high note of challenge. Our Lord says, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, rejoice exceedingly and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven."

This is a very hard saying if we examine our own minds, we realize that we do not want persecution or oppression because of our faith. We want the very opposite. We want to be liked and admired. We want to be popular. Persecution for our faith seems too difficult for us to bear.

Perhaps, the reason for our reluctance to accept persecution, "for Christ's sake" and the Gospel, is that the Christian faith has been presented to us as a religion of escape. We have been told that to accept Christ we shall have joy and peace, that life's problems will be solved, that we will be successful in our undertakings. The Bible does not warrant such a naive and unrealistic approach to the Christian Faith.

Never did our Lord promise His disciples an easy time of it. The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles are full of illustrations of early Christian persecution. Church history tells a wonderful

story of bravery in the face of constant opposition from enemies within and without the Church. Our 20th century has also witnessed fierce persecution of Christians in almost every land outside the Western hemisphere. The gospel, while it has been accepted by many, has been rejected by many more. And whenever the Church has brought its message to bear upon human life and society, it has had to pay a heavy price for doing so.

North American, at least in name, is a professing Christian community. Nevertheless, persecution of Christians and Christian principles is prevalent among us. Those who seek to hold the life that is in Christ, will meet with opposition. It may not be the concentration camp, the firing squad, or physical torture, but persecution can come through the cold shoulder, the snub, the sneer, the criticism of those who resist the uplifting influence of the Christian life.

If we are Christians, we must be ready for anything. Alexander MacLaren, wrote, "A true Christian ought to be a standing rebuke to the world, an incarnate conscience. If this is so, then we must be willing to accept the opposition which will come."

The secret of victory in the midst of persecution, has always been the great example of our Lord, and the power He has given to His people in every age to rise above the opposing force of evil men. The cross was the price Christ paid for allegiance to the Living God. And yet our Lord had victory over that death, because He knew that the will of God is the most important thing in the world. From early Christian martyrs to modern believers suffering for their faith, this has been the underlying conviction, which has kept men true to Christ.

If our witness to Christ, leads us to suffer wrong at the hands of friends, relatives or outsiders, let us not run away from it, but accept it, ever remembering that courageous, uncompromising witness to Christ, has always won the day.

WOULD RETAIN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Dear Mister Editor:— As a reader of your paper I would like to express my views on the question of the death sentence in Canada which is now before Parliament.

I certainly think the death sentence should not be done away with.

Some say that to take a life is sacred, and this may be so, but what about the life the murderer takes.

The Bible says, "an eye for an eye" and again it says "he that sheddeth the blood of man, so shall he shed his own blood." So what are we to believe?

It is the right of everybody to write to their Member of Parliament and express an opinion on this controversial subject.

I do not agree with the present system of paying the penalty and think it should be altered. The Gas Chamber might be adopted, and we could have a central place for executions.

Under the present system the Cabinet do consider and review all cases and can commute the death sentence where deemed advisable. Please write to your M. P. at Ottawa and give your views. No postage is required on the letter.

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"NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK"

January 31st to February 6th, 1960

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Whereas this annual crusade for health is worthy of the support of all citizens:

I, therefore, as Mayor of Richmond Hill, declare this week as "National Health Week" in Richmond Hill, and urge everyone to give all-out support to local health authorities and make this nation, this province and this town a healthier place in which to live.

Mayor's Office, K. W. TOMLIN, Mayor
Municipal Offices, Richmond Hill
January 30th, 1960

AURORA: Formerly the assistant postmaster at Richmond Hill, Victor Grisold is Aurora's new postmaster, succeeding George Walker who has retired, due to ill health.

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ARCHITECTURAL VALUE

***LHC will be sending information regarding the information they would like to be included the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and updated heritage attributes**

HISTORICAL VALUE

Criteria 4.) Direct Association

When reviewing the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the criteria listed refers to the property and not just the structure(s) located on the site. The legal description of the property is Lot 7, Concession 4, and the designation relates to the entire property, and not the just structure/dwelling. The history of the property that has been outlined in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value, has a direct association to the history of the property, and the owners of the Lot. Members of the Smith family, with particular interest in those associated with Lot 7 of Concession, were important within the community of Edgeley.

Ontario Heritage Act:

DESIGNATION OF PROPERTIES BY MUNICIPALITIES

Designation by municipal by-law

29 (1) The council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if,

- (a) where criteria for determining whether property is of cultural heritage value or interest have been prescribed, the property meets the prescribed criteria; and
- (b) the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in this section. 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (1); 2019, c. 9, Sched. 11, s. 7 (1); 2022, c. 21, Sched. 6, s. 4 (1).

Regarding the ownership timeframe and family members who lived in the structure, Menno Smith takes over the farm after his father, Samuel Smith, in 1893. The 1911 Census lists Menno as head of the household, living with his wife Marietta Smith, and children. The names of their children include: Allan Smith, Hazel Smith, and Cecil Smith. Assessment rolls indicate that there was a jump in property value from \$4700 in 1898, to \$6000 in 1910. A jump in property value often indicates that something has been built on the land; which is usually a house. It could then be understood that this is when 7961 Jane Street was built. By the 1921 Census, additional information is provided on the census. Menno Smith is still listed as head of the household, the class of house he is living in is described as a single house, and materials of construction is brick. The household members still include his wife, and three children.

A History of Vaughan Township Churches states that Samuel Smith (1838-1893), his son Menno Smith (1868-1948), and Menno's son Allan Smith (1899-1972) were all involved with maintenance of the Edgeley cemetery over the years. This helps to indicate their community involvement. In addition, *A History of Vaughan Township* states that Allan Smith was a trustee for the Edgely cemetery. A newspaper article describes an Edgeley cemetery meeting where Allan Smith is the chairman. The topics of discussion included the tentative plans for the opening a new section of the cemetery if needed in the future, the repainting of the cemetery fence, and the glazing of the

church windows. These meetings and discussions give insight into community life, and the role members of the Smith family contributed to maintaining important elements within their community.

Criteria 5.) has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture;

Expanded information:

The Smith family were significant to the Edgeley community. John Smith, who was an early Pioneer from Pennsylvania, donated an acre of land on Lot 7, Concession 4, for purpose of a church and cemetery. Built in 1824, the Edgeley Mennonite Church (Edgeley Meeting House) was one of the earliest churches to be built in Vaughan. The resource, *Some of Vaughan's Pictorial Past* by Hugh Cook, states that the church became known as the Smith house since the structure was built by the Smith family, and was located on their land.

There was also a period of time when the church was closed. *A History of Vaughan Township* states, "the church was closed from 1909 to 1915 and then monthly services were held until 1923. After being closed for forty years, it was re-opened for one Sunday, Sept. 2, 1963, to an overflow audience." A 1963 Liberal newspaper article also discusses the reopening and states that, "Edgeley was filled with worshippers and many more were seated in the church yard." The response to the opening allows for an understanding about the significance of the church within the community.

For criteria 5, "there is no discussion how this Property yields or has the potential to yield information that contributes to a community of culture."

The church allows for the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture. The Edgeley Mennonite Church represents a way of life, reflection of faith, and a sense of community within Edgeley. Although the church was later moved in 1976 to Black Creek Pioneer Village, it remains an important element to the history of Edgeley.

The inclusion of various members of the Smith family within the Statement of Cultural Heritage was to provide context and insight into both the history of the Edgeley, as well as highlight their involvement and contributions throughout the wider community. This in turn allows for the understanding about Vaughan's development over the years, and the hard work of the Smith family to develop a life in a new location.

"Regarding the date range associated with the house of 1879-1915;..."

The examination of Tax Assessment records has shown that the building date of the former Smith House as c.1910. In 1898 the total property value was \$4700. Two other brick buildings had already been built and existed on the property prior to this date. Archival information indicates 7975 Jane Street is estimated to have been built prior to 1878, and 7971 Jane Street is estimated to have been built around 1860's. Both buildings were demolished in the late 1980's.

By 1910 the total property value was \$6000. A jump in value in often indicates something has been built upon a property. **The total actual value of the land continues to appear as \$6000 in 1934.** Moreover, the date of 1910 is also in closer alignment with the building dates that were included in archival documentation (c. 1915), the City of Vaughan's Listing of Significant Heritage Structures

(c.1915), and the 1988 report by Kathryn Anderson; which references a four-square structure built c.1914.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

Criteria 8: physically, visually or historically linked to its surroundings

The contextual value of the subject property relates to the building's historical link and physical location on the property. Located on the west half of Lot 7, Concession 4 in its original setting, and set back from the road, the structure is a remnant of the Edgeley community. The neighbouring Edgeley cemetery, located at 7981 Jane Street, is another element that remains of the Edgeley community. The land for the cemetery was donated by John Smith in 1824. The Edgeley Mennonite Church (Mennonite Meeting house), that was previously located within Lot 7, was moved to Black Creek Pioneer Village in 1976.

A 1988 report by Kathryn Anderson describes a four-square structure, which at the time had the address 7895 Jane Street; this is believed to be the same structure with the current address of 7961 Jane Street. The report states that it is the only historical building remaining due to the demolition of two other brick structures; 7975 Jane Street and 7971 Jane Street. When commenting on the impact of the demolition, the 1988 report states, "the demolition of these buildings represents a significant loss to the Edgeley community." The inclusion of the comment on the loss of the previous buildings, further highlights the significance of the existing four-square structure.

With the various developments to the area over the years, one of which being the rail yard, the remaining structure serves as a connection to the past and the history of Edgeley. The property historically represents a way of life during the time period it was built and connects to the Smith family. The Smith family not only made contributions that supported the development of Vaughan, but they were also early settlers in the area. This building reflects their success and hard work in the establishment of a homestead. It is here that the merit of the house lies, just as much as in the architectural value.

Summary of Contextual attributes:

- The four-square structure is a remnant of the Edgeley community
- The structure is historically linked connected to the nearby Edgeley cemetery;
John Smith donated land for the property in 1824
- The structure is historically and physically linked to its surroundings
- Protection of the viewpoint of the house facing onto Jane Street