

Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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TITLE: DE-LISTING OF DEMOLISHED HERITAGE BUILDING LOCATED
AT 8265 HUNTINGTON RD., WOODBRIDGE

FROM:

Vince Musacchio, Interim Deputy City Manager, Planning, Growth Management and Housing Delivery

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Heritage Vaughan Committee's support and recommendation of approval to Council for de-listing and removal of the subject property at 8265 Huntington Rd. (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 de-listed and removed from the Listed Structures of Historical Significance on the City's Heritage Register.
- The heritage building was demolished in 2008, and the property no longer maintains the criteria for the listing as a property of architectural, historical or contextual significance.

Recommendation

1. THAT Heritage Vaughan recommend to Council the approval of the proposed de-listing and 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 property at 8265 Huntington Rd., also known as the George Pearson House, was built around 1861 and was a good example of a red brick, Ontario Farmhouse. It was laid out in a T-shape plan and had features reminiscent of the Classical Revival style. George Pearson was an early settler and farmer in Vaughan Township.

Previous Reports/Authority

Heritage Clearance – Nov. 4, 2008 (Attachment 2)

Analysis and Options

In November 2008, a Heritage Clearance and further Demolition Permit was issued by the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation and Culture Department at the City of Vaughan for the “Complete demolition of Structure”, but the building had never been formally de-listed and removed from the Listed Structure of Historical Significance list on the City’s Heritage Register.

Through a Pre-application Consultation and Checklist meeting in June 2024, the applicant was informed that although this building had been demolished, it had never been formally de-listed.

A cover letter for a Site Development Application was submitted to the Development and Parks Planning department on March 7, 2025, where the request to formally de-list the subject property was included at the bottom of page 2 of the letter (attachment 3).

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact.

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 8265 Huntington Rd. was demolished in 2008. Cultural Heritage staff support the Heritage Vaughan Committee recommendation to Council that the subject property be removed from the Listed Structure of Historical Significance list, as it no longer maintains the criteria for the listing as a property of architectural, historical, or contextual significance.

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Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Heritage Clearance
3. Request to De-List
4. Building Photographs

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