

April 20, 2021

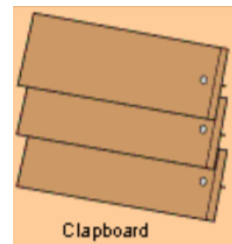
Re: Renovation of existing heritage house, and rear addition At 7714 Yonge Street, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

To the members of Heritage Vaughan Committee;

As stated within the March 24th, 2021 letter that we sent, The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT) is generally in favour of the application, and generally supports the staff recommendations, with some exceptions that have not been defined or addressed to our knowledge.

The site plan drawings submitted for the renovation of the original house at 7714 Yonge St. (p.295) suggest that the second floor structure is to be removed or partially-removed to be “open to above”. SPOHT strongly objects to the proposal to remove the second floor structure in the original house, **as this feature is vital to the historical fabric of this Built Heritage Asset** and the understanding of this building’s former function as a home, and such an action would limit future adaptive re-use, as well as partially destroy the integrity of the second story structure.

We ask also that the *external clapboard* fabric of the building be retained in order to maintain the original heritage surface patina and that repairs be carried out in order to stabilize the heritage boards vs. replacement.



Recent reports indicate that the building sign on the east facing surface of the new structure is in fact a window. We ask that this window be divided with 6 over 6 muntin bars.

Documentation of the rear timber frame former blacksmith shop: Austin A. Brilinger had opened a blacksmith shop behind his home in early 1928. We would like to see documentation created for the outbuilding prior to its demolition. This would define the prior use along with historical articles, the layout plan, structural design comment, size and scale, along with audit pictures that clearly shows materials used.

Finally, we were pleased to see that there is a plan to include an interpretive panel on the site. It would be great if this panel could be placed close to the Yonge St. frontage so that it is visible to those passing the property.

Sincerely,

Adam Birrell

President,
The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT)
416-985-1380
president@thornhillhistoric.org
www.thornhillhistoric.org