



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: March 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Status of Building from a Cultural Heritage Perspective
12 Wilson Street
Markham Village Heritage Conservation District

Property/Building Description: Originally a 1 ½ storey frame building, c. 1875,
Use: Commercial (originally residential)
Heritage Status: Identified as Class A Property in Markham Village Heritage Conservation District Plan

Application/Proposal

- New owners of the property have enquired as to the heritage status and integrity of the existing building given recent exploration of the structure.
- The owner is preparing plans for the redevelopment of the Markham Village Lanes development and needs to determine the extent of the development parcel.

Background

- Identified as the Charles and Maria Carlton House, c. 1875 – see attached
- The building was subject to extensive redevelopment in 1987 when it was incorporated into the Markham Village Lanes commercial project.
- An addition was added to the west and north elevations of the building. Notes also indicate that during the redevelopment, the entire interior of the building was gutted and that only three walls remained. Also, the original vertical tongue and groove exterior siding was removed and replaced with a board and batten treatment, and the developer removed all the original windows.
- It is unclear if any original material remains.
- The current building still retains the scale and massing of the original building (at least from the south (front) elevation facing Wilson Street.
- In 2010, the front veranda of the building was extensively renovated.

Staff Comment

- Staff is waiting for additional information to be provided by the Heritage Consultants for the owner. More exploratory work is being undertaken to look inside wall cavities and this information will be provided at the Heritage Markham meeting.
- Heritage Markham staff also plan to speak with the original architect of the project to obtain additional insight.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

That the information provided by the owner of 12 Wilson Street regarding the building from a cultural heritage perspective be received as information; and

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July 2018 Google Maps



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City of Markham Mapping

Historical Information

Charles and Maria Carleton House, 12 Wilson Street, c.1875

This village lot was purchased by carpenter-builder Robert Harrington in 1872. Harrington, who was associated with the Unionville Planing Mill, may have built the board and batten clad, L-shaped house as a speculative venture. In 1880-1881 the property was sold to Maria (Burk) Carleton, the wife of Charles S. Carleton, a general merchant. The Carletons were in Markham Village at least as early as the time of the 1871 census, when they resided in the eastern portion of the village. They were noted as living on Wilson Street in the 1881 census of Markham Village. Interestingly, Mrs. C. S. Carleton was one of the later owners of the Union Mills in Unionville, having purchased it in 1895. Carleton Road was named for the family.

In 1883, the house at 12 Wilson Street was sold to Henry Sharpe. The Carleton family moved to Toronto. Later owners included Isaac Smith, grain thresher (1889), John Henry Buckler (1902), Henry Buckler (1910), and Robert Fleming (1918). Robert Fleming was Reeve of Markham Village 1913-1918. The house underwent significant renovations in the 1980s when the property became part of the Markham Village Lanes commercial development.