



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Demolitions – Rouge National Urban Park
Council Resolution

Issue: Proposed Demolition of Cultural Heritage Resources in Rouge National Urban Park

Background:

- Parks Canada notified the City that for health and safety reasons, they were planning to decommission three failing houses in the Markham/York Region portion of the Park. According to Parks Canada, these houses have no or very low heritage value and pose significant safety and liability risks.
- Parks Canada noted that it remains committed to working with and engaging with Markham on cultural heritage protection, but that these houses are too far gone.
- Of the three structures identified for demolition, two are on the *Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*. One is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and the other is listed.

Status/ Staff Comment

- See attached staff report on this matter.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

That Heritage Markham Committee receive as information.

Attachment – Staff Report and Council Resolution

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