



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Peter Wokral, Heritage Planner

DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Heritage Permit Application
1 Church Lane, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District
HE 20 126092

Property/Building Description: Historic Cemetery established in 1867

Use: Cemetery

Heritage Status: Designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act

Application/Proposal

- The City has submitted a heritage permit seeking to install a new 4 ft. high wrought iron fence and gates after the existing wrought iron fence was badly damaged at the intersection of Church Lane and John Street by an automobile.

Background

- The existing simple wrought iron fence is listed as a heritage attribute in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance for this property in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District Plan;
- The City has chosen to replace the existing wrought iron fence with a new wrought iron fence of a similar design as opposed to trying to repair and/or replicate the existing fence, and has indicated that the proposed new fence posts would be made of black painted tubular steel rather than wrought iron.

Staff Comment

- The proposed new wrought iron fence appears to be an acceptable solution as it maintains the historic character of the Thornhill Cemetery, and because the existing fence is a 20th century wrought iron fence. The particular details of the existing fence are not as significant as they would be if the fence were from 1867 when the cemetery was first established;
- Therefore staff recommends supporting the proposed new wrought iron fence and that final review of the heritage permit for the new wrought iron fence and gates at the Thornhill Cemetery be delegated to Heritage Section staff.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

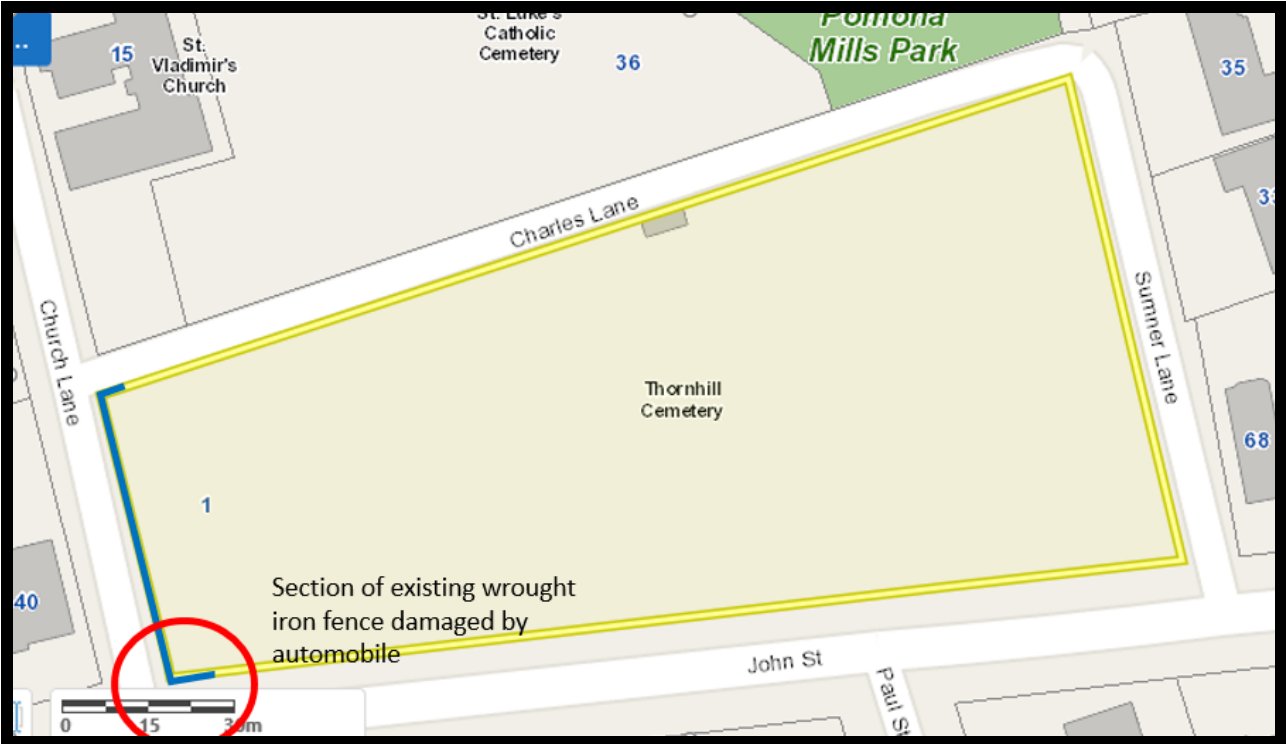
THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the proposed new wrought iron fence to replace the damaged existing wrought iron fence at 1 Church Lane;

AND THAT final review of any matters related to the proposed new wrought iron fence be delegated to Heritage Section staff.

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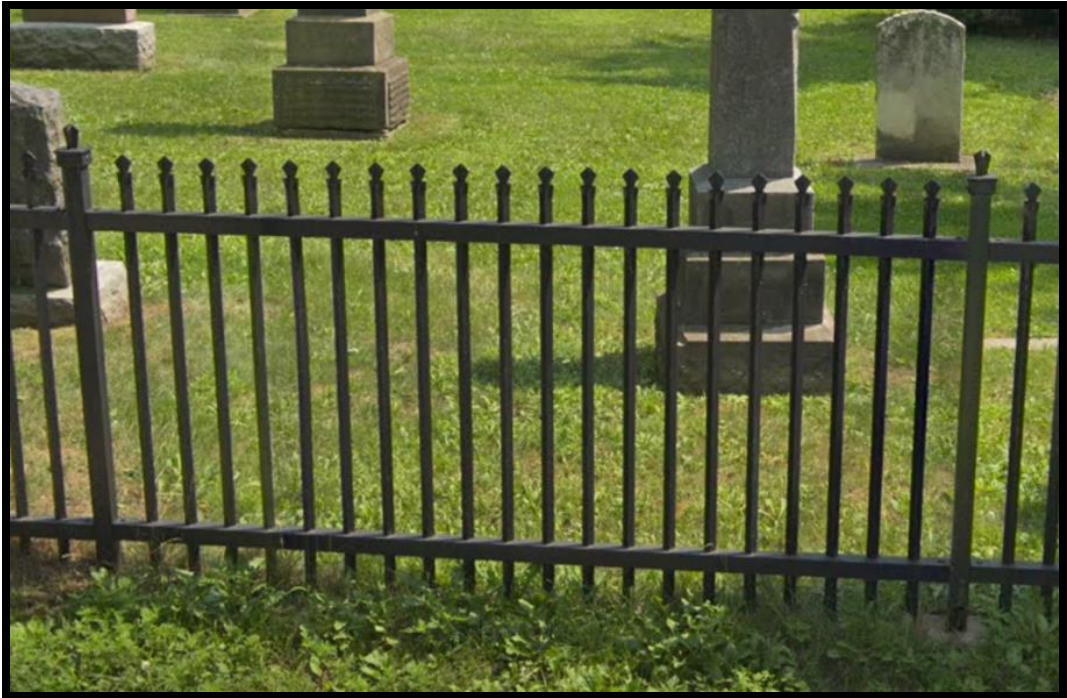
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Photograph of damage done to existing fence



Details of existing wrought iron fence



Detail of proposed replacement wrought iron fence with tubular steel posts

