



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Heritage Permit Application
1 Church Lane, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District
Thornhill Cemetery Fencing
HP 20 126092

Property/Building Description: Thornhill Cemetery

Use: Burial Area

Heritage Status: Thornhill Heritage Conservation District -Part V

Application/Proposal

- New fencing

Background

- This Item was delegated to the Architectural Review Sub-Committee with the authority to review on behalf of Heritage Markham at the September 9th meeting of Heritage Markham;
- At the Sub-Committee meeting the Senior Manager of the Horticulture and Forestry Division of the City's Operations Department indicated that he would confirm if the picket finial preferred by the committee members is available and that he would provide some options for the finials of the fence posts;
- It has been confirmed that the preferred picket finials are available and only one style of finial for the posts is available which happens to be complementary to the picket finial as it also has a squared base detail and a spear finial topped with a small iron ball;
- The Senior Manager of the Horticulture and Forestry Division of the City's Operations Department has also indicated that current gates cannot be restored with a warranty or safety rating, but that new gates and curved fence panels with similar detailing to the existing gates using the existing hinge system can be manufactured and there is money available to fund this work;

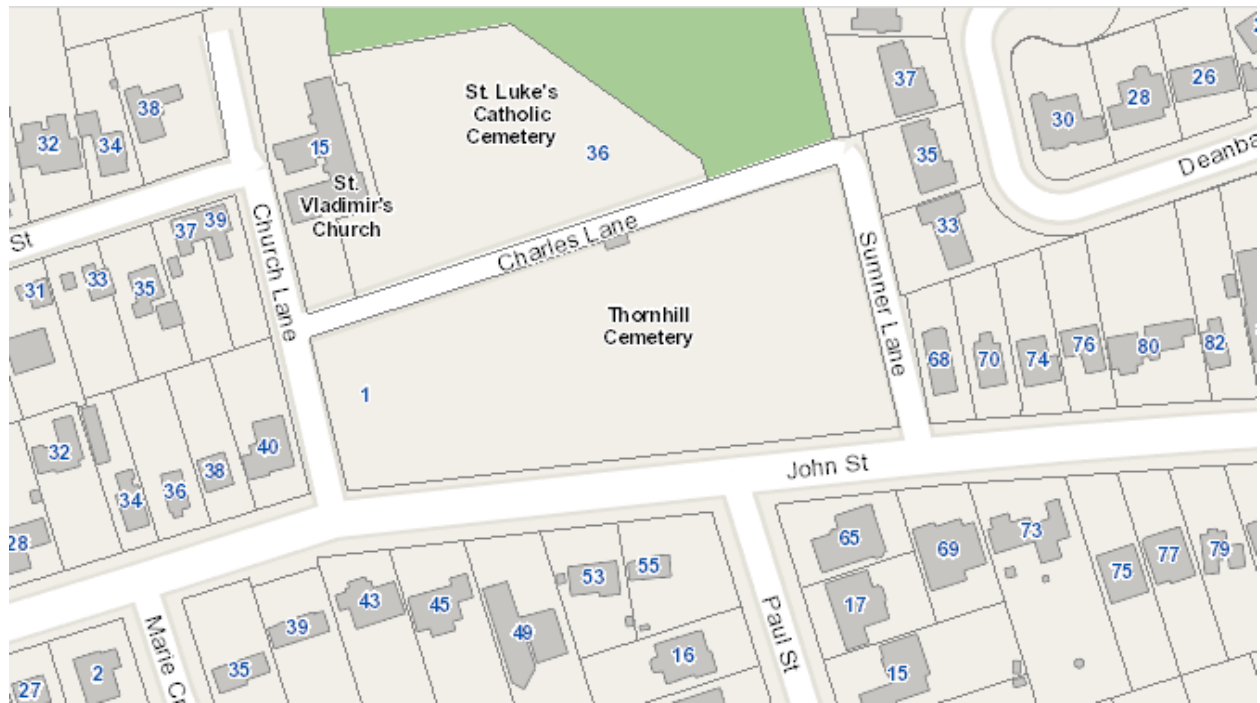
- Based upon the need to have any potential new gates and curved panels manufactured in conjunction with the fence panels supported by the Committee, Heritage Staff has attempted to arrange a further meeting of the Sub-Committee members who participated in the original meeting prior to October 14th in order to discuss the proposed replacement of the cemetery gates in the hopes of resolving this issue before the meeting.

Staff Comment

- See notes from the Architectural Review Sub-Committee meeting(s) held on September 24, 2020 for information purposes.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham receive the Architectural Review Sub-Committee notes from September 24, 2020 and the update from the follow up meeting dated October XX, 2020, as information.



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*Architectural Review Sub-Committee
of Heritage Markham*

MEETING NOTES

1:30- 2:30 p.m. September 24, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Councillor Reid McAlpine
Graham Dewar
Doug Denby
Evelin Ellison
Tony Farr
Ken Davis
Jason McCauley

Staff:

Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage
Planning (1:30-2:00)
Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

Applicant: David Plant,

Senior Manager Horticulture & Forestry Division
Operations Department, City of Markham

ITEM 1: Project: Thornhill Cemetery Replacement Fence
Owner: City of Markham
Address: 1 Church Lane
District: Thornhill Heritage Conservation District
Application: HP 20 126092

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The City's Senior Manager of Horticulture and Forestry Division, David Plant began by apologizing to the members of the Sub-Committee for the reactive heritage permit application for work that had already been initiated by the City. He also indicated that going forward, that he and the staff he is responsible for, will be checking to determine if any planned work falls with the City's Heritage Conservation District Plans so they may apply for the appropriate heritage approval prior to commencing any work.

Mr. Plant confirmed that the old sections of wrought iron fence had already been disposed of and that restoration of the former fence was no longer an option. When asked by the committee members whether insurance could have covered the cost of restoration, the answer provided was

that insurance would only cover the cost of restoration of the portion of the fence damaged by the automobile accident and not the cost of restoring undamaged sections of the former fence.

The consensus among members of the Sub-Committee was that they had no choice but to accept a new replacement wrought iron fence, but that they'd like to see the existing wrought iron gates (which had not been removed) restored rather than replaced. Mr. Plant pledged that he would investigate further the option of retaining and restoring the existing gates as well as the associated costs, so this information may be reported back to the Heritage Committee

Mr. Plant also agreed to present some options for the finials for the square tubular posts already installed for the new fence as well as providing confirmation that the cast iron spear preferred by the Sub-Committee members was available for the new fence sections.

Heritage Markham Recommendation:

THAT given the disposal of the former wrought iron fence, Heritage Markham accepts the proposed new wrought iron replacement fence for the Thornhill Cemetery but recommends that the existing wrought iron gates be retained and restored, and that the City's Senior Manager of Horticulture and Forestry present options and costs for their retention to the Committee;

THAT Heritage Markham supports the proposed cast iron spear design with the square base detail as shown at the meeting for the pickets of the wrought iron replacement fence;

THAT the City's Senior Manager of Horticulture and Forestry be requested to provide options to the committee for the decorative finials of the replacement fence posts;

AND THAT the City's Senior Manager of Horticulture and Forestry be requested to develop appropriate procedures, training and awareness programs for City staff to ensure compliance with the policies of the City's Official Plan as they relate to properties designated under Part IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

File: 1 Church Lane, Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

Photograph of the fence picket finial preferred by the ARSC members which is available



Photograph of the only style of fence post finial now available

