



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** November 11, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Heritage Permit Application  
146, 185 and 216 Main Street  
Introduction of Temporary Muskoka Chairs in Public Spaces  
Unionville Heritage Conservation District

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### Property/Building Description:

- 146 Main Street - Millennium Bandstand
- 185 Main Street – Top of Stairs Parkette
- 216 Main Street- Art Gallery Courtyard

### Use:

Public Realm

### Heritage Status:

Unionville Heritage Conservation District (Part V)

### Application/Proposal

- Installation of Muskoka style chairs (12 in total) at the three identified locations within the Unionville Heritage Conservation District on a temporary basis (Nov 2020- March 2021)

### Background

- Unionville BIA and Operations staff have requested the installation of the identified brightly coloured chairs already owned by the City to provide winter seating. (the chairs are in storage and not being used this winter).
- UBIA acknowledges that the colours and style of the chairs may not necessarily comply with Heritage District policy/guidelines, but given these trying times for the street, the BIA is requesting support as a temporary way to brighten people's days during the winter.
- The chairs would be installed in November and removed in March. They would be drilled into the ground to protect from theft, and be placed to address socially distancing criteria.

### Staff Comment

- Although the chairs would not appear to comply with the streetscape policies for street furniture in the Unionville Heritage Conservation District from a colour and style

perspective, given the current pandemic situation, and the fact that the installation is a temporary, winter measure, Heritage staff consider them to be similar to a temporary art installation, and recommends the project be supported.

- If Heritage Markham agrees they are fine for a temporary period of time, staff will proceed with approving the heritage permit application.

## Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the Heritage Permit application in support of the installation of Muskoka style chairs (12 in total) at the three identified public realm locations within the Unionville Heritage Conservation District on a temporary basis (Nov 2020 – March 2021).

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