



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: July 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Official Plan Amendment
10 Ruggles Avenue, Thornhill
Change to Land Use Designation
File PLAN 20 132805

Property/Building Description: 1 ½ storey dwelling built c.1854 (Munshaw House)

Use: Residential - Vacant

Heritage Status: Individually Designated (Part IV) By-law 2014-20; Heritage Easement Agreement

Application/Proposal

- An application for Official Plan Amendment has been received in support of designating the lands currently designated as “Environmental Protection Area Valleylands” to “Parks and Open Space” to facilitate the enclosure of a portion of Pomona Mills Creek

Background

- See information from the planning application:

The existing lands are currently vacant and were previously occupied by an aggregates and paving stone storage yard. The lands currently designated “Parks and Open Space” for Pomona Mills Creek Park is a 4,744 square metre (0.47 ha) park block with an associated 7,912 square metres (0.79 ha) sq m of valleylands in the approved Langstaff Gateway Secondary Plan.

The Purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to redesignate the lands currently designated as “Environmental Protection Area – Valleylands” to “Parks and Open Space”. This proposed Official Plan Amendment for parkland expansion will result in a 267% increase in park area for a total parkland area of 12,656 square metres (1.27 ha) with access from all four public street frontages. The covering of the Pomona Mills Creek channel, similar to the Creek passage under Highway 407 that exists today, is required to facilitate the expansion of parkland and a raising of the finished grades in the West Precinct for shallower slopes ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%.

Staff Comment

- The subject lands for this application do not directly impact the Munshaw House (see illustration).

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham has no comment from a heritage perspective on the application for Official Plan Amendment (20 132805) as it does not impact the Munshaw House (10 Ruggles Avenue), a protected built heritage resource

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10 Ruggles Ave- Munshaw House



Subject Site (outlined in orange below with the Munshaw House circled in red)



