



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Evan Manning, Heritage Planner

DATE: June 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Committee of Adjustment Variance Application

11 Pavillion Street, Unionville

Proposed New Accessory Building and Uncovered Porch

FILE: A/074/21

Property/Building Description: Two-storey single detached dwelling and garage constructed

in 1942. A one-storey rear addition was completed in 2001.

Use: Residential

Heritage Status: The subject property is designated under Part V of the

Ontario Heritage Act as part of the Unionville Heritage

Conservation District (HCD).

Application/Proposal

- The City has received an application to the Committee of Adjustment requesting variances to permit construction of a new 169.3 m2 detached accessory building and uncovered concrete porch and stairs at the rear of the existing heritage building.
- Specifically, the applicant requires variances to permit:
 - o A maximum lot coverage of 36.33% whereas By-law 122-72 permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.3%;
 - o An accessory building height of 21'-11 ½'', whereas By-law 122-72 allows a maximum height of 15'-0;
 - An accessory building with a total floor area of 1822sqft, whereas By-law 122-72 allows a maximum floor area of 750sqft.

Note that the applicant has not requested a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) for the subject property.

Background

- The subject property is located on the south side of Pavillion Street midblock between Union Street to the east, and Eureka Street to the west. There is an existing two-storey single detached dwelling and associated garage which, according to the Unionville HCD Building Inventory, were constructed in 1942. A one-storey addition was constructed along the rear (south) elevation of the heritage building in 2001.
- The subject property is located within an established residential neighbourhood comprised of predominately two-storey detached dwellings. Mature vegetation exists on and adjacent to the subject property. Commercial uses in the form of low-rise strip plazas are located to the south of the subject property along Highway 7. These properties, municipally-known as 4400-4452 Highway 7, are also located within the Unionville HCD.
- The subject property is located within a TRCA Regulated Area associated with the Rouge River, and is located within 300m of the Metrolinx Uxbridge Subdivision. As such, both governmental bodies will review and offer comment on any development application submitted for the subject property.
- As the proposed accessory building exceeds 50m2, it will be subject to full site plan control with review by Heritage section staff for compliance with the Unionville HCD Plan. A site plan approval application for the subject property is forthcoming.

Heritage Policy

- The subject property is located within the Unionville HCD and is identified as a Class 'A' property. The qualities of Class A properties, as described in the Unionville HCD Plan, are as follows:
 - They have historical and/or architectural value;
 - o They are the buildings that maintain the heritage character to the District;
 - o Buildings that are designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act are also considered to be Class 'A'.

Note that the existing garage is not identified in the Unionville HCD Building Inventory as being of significant cultural heritage value.

- Sections 9.2.13.1 and 9.2.13.2 of the Unionville HCD Plan provide guidelines for garages and ancillary building. The following guidelines are relevant to the proposed variances for the new accessory building:
 - Outbuildings and garages should be built out of wood, and have a traditional design and positioning;
 - o Garages should be lower in profile than the principle building and complementary in design and colour;
 - Garages should be set back from the street and preferably separate from the building face.
- Section 9.4.6 of the Unionville HCD Plan provides guidelines for porches. These guidelines speak to conserving original building fabric along primary elevations, and do

not provide guidelines for porch design or placement along rear or non-street facing elevations.

Staff Comment

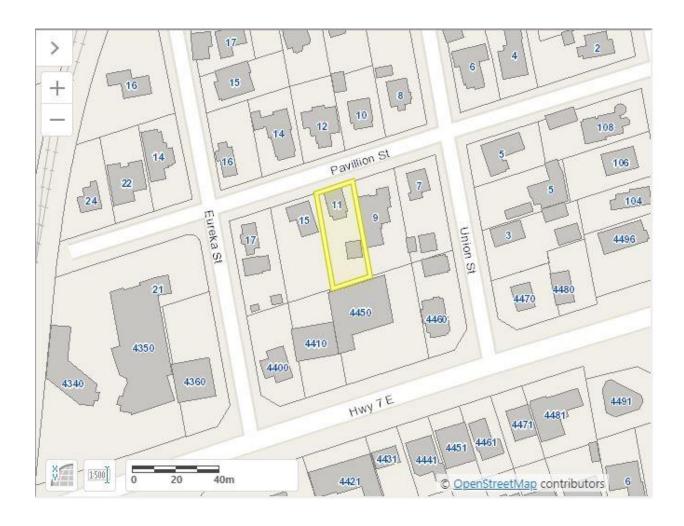
- Heritage Section staff have no objections to the requested variances from a heritage perspective.
- While larger in both footprint and height than the existing garage, the proposed accessory building is subordinate in both siting and scale to on-site and adjacent heritage buildings in accordance with the guidelines contained within the Unionville HCD Plan. Although the proposed accessory building is larger in scale relative to the principal (heritage) building than is typically the case with contemporary development, this relationship has historical precedent. Urban barns, carriage houses and stables are not uncommon within historic village cores, such as Unionville, and are proportionally larger than many permitted contemporary accessory structures relative to the principal building. The proposed garage also provides a screening buffer between the subject residential property and the commercial properties located to the south.
- Staff also have no objection to removal of the existing garage as it is not identified within the Unionville HCD Building Inventory as being of significant cultural heritage value.
- The proposed uncovered porch is located along the rear (south) elevation of the subject property and as such is not visible from the street. Further, the portion of the existing building to which it is attached was constructed in 2001.
- Given the above, no adverse impact on the described cultural heritage value of the subject property is anticipated as a result of the requested variances.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection from a heritage perspective to the requested variances to permit a new accessory building and uncovered porch at 11 Pavillion Street.

AND THAT final review of the forthcoming site plan control application and any other development application required to approve the proposed development be delegated to Heritage Section staff.

11 Pavillion Street, Unionville *Property Map*



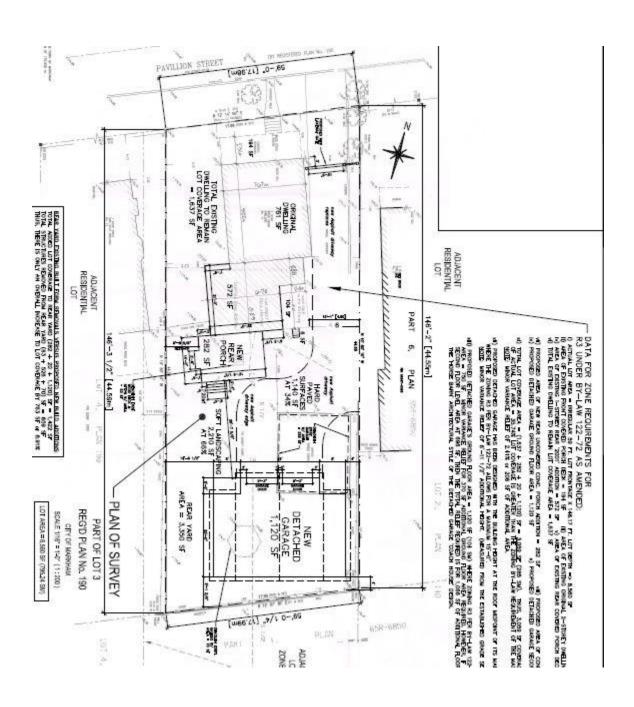
11 Pavillion Street, Unionville Primary (North) Elevation of the Existing Dwelling



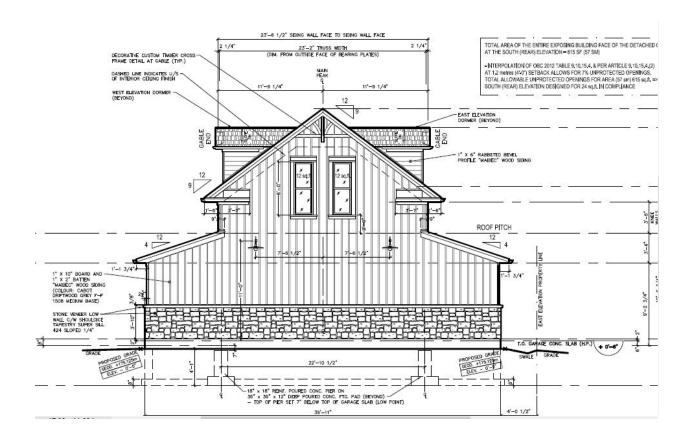
Location within the Unionville HCD indicated in orange



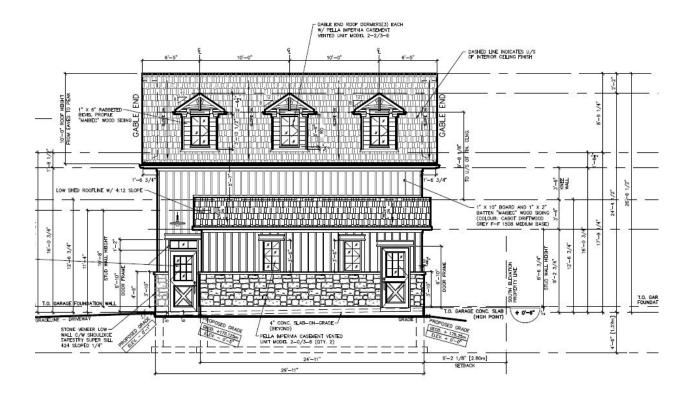
11 Pavillion Street, Unionville *Proposed Site Plan*



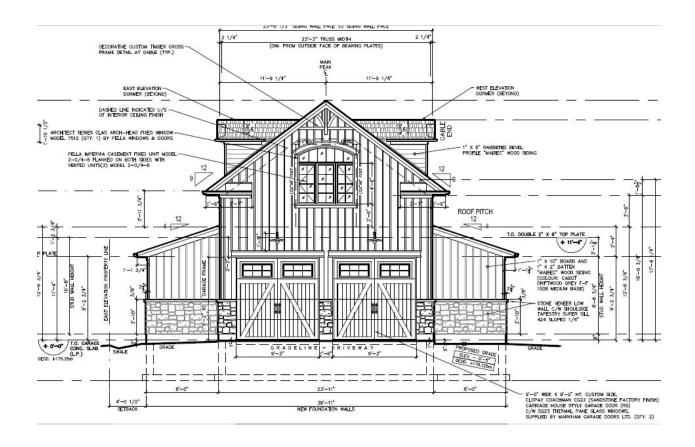
Proposed South Elevation



Proposed West Elevation



Proposed North Elevation



Proposed East Elevation

