



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** March 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Demolition of Accessory Building  
36 John Street, Thornhill HCD

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**Property/Building Description:** 1½ storey detached dwelling constructed in 1911

**Use:** Residential

**Heritage Status:** Designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act and classified as a Group A building, or heritage buildings that define the historic character of the district.

### **Application/Proposal**

- The owner of the property has indicated to staff that they wish to demolish the existing one storey detached accessory building which has fallen into severe disrepair.

### **Background**

- According to MPAC records, the detached garage/shed was constructed circa 1911 at the same time as the existing 1 ½ storey dwelling;
- The property owner has reported that the shed was originally constructed near a spruce tree and over time the tree roots have grown larger and lifted one side of the building significantly higher. This has damaged the roof.

### **Staff Comment.**

- The detached garage/shed is noted in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District Plan inventory but is not mentioned in the specific Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest prepared for the property or the description of heritage attributes associated with this property.
- The detached garage/shed is not considered to be architecturally or historically significant as to require its retention or restoration. Therefore staff recommends that Heritage Markham Committee have no objection to its demolition and that final review of a demolition permit be delegated to Heritage Section staff.

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the demolition of the detached shed/garage at 36 John Street from a heritage perspective, and that final review of any demolition permit be delegated to Heritage Section staff.

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