



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** July 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Site Plan Control Application

22 Fonthill Boulevard, Unionville Heritage Conservation District

22 110270 SPC

**Property/Building Description**: One-storey primary school within the York Region District

School Board

Use: Institutional

**Heritage Status:** 22 Fonthill Blvd is not municipally-recognized as a heritage

resource, although it is considered *adjacent*, as defined in the City of Markham Official Plan (2014), to the Unionville

Heritage Conservation District.

## Application/Proposal

• The City has received a Site Plan Control application for the property municipally-known as 22 Fonthill Blvd (the 'subject property' or 'Parkview Public School').

- The applicant (Bronte Engineering Ltd) is proposing to undertake playground and parking improvements including asphalt replacement, grading and drainage improvements, upgrading of playground equipment, and construction of a new walkway leading to Crosby Park;
- Exterior modifications to the school building are not proposed at this time. For a copy of the proposed site plan, please see Appendix C of this memo.

#### Context

• The subject property is bound by low-rise residential properties to the south and west along Fonthill Blvd and Krieghoff Avenue, generally low-rise commercial properties to the east along Main Street, and open space to north within Crosby Park. The subject property is composed of roughly 50% open space (i.e. surface parking and play areas) and 50% built form (i.e. Parkview Public School and associated portable buildings).

#### **Heritage Policy**

• The subject property is not municipally-recognized as a *cultural heritage resource*. It is, however, located *adjacent* (within 60m of a *cultural heritage resource*), as defined within

- the 2014 Official Plan (OP), to the Unionville Heritage Conservation District ("UHCD" or the "District"). Along its eastern boundary, the subject property abuts parking and storage areas associated with the commercial properties along Main Street. To the south, it abuts a single Part V-designated property municipally-known as 20 Fonthill Blvd;
- While the UHCD Plan does not contain policies or guidelines concerning new construction adjacent to the District, Section 4.5.1.1 of the 2014 Official Plan directs Staff to review any application for development approval on lands adjacent to *cultural heritage resources* to maintain the integrity of those resources. This review includes Site Plan Control applications;
- Section 4.5.3.3 of the OP notes it is the policy of Council "to ensure that development that directly affects a *cultural heritage resource* itself and *adjacent lands*, is designed, sited or regulated so as to protect and mitigate any negative visual or physical impact on the heritage attributes of the resource, including considerations such as scale, massing, height, building orientation and location relative to the resource";
- Section 4.5.3.11 of the OP indicates that the municipality will review applications for development approval and site alteration on adjacent lands to an individually designated property or a heritage conservation district to require mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches in order to conserve the heritage attributes affected. This review may include measures to ensure compatibility with the characteristics, context and appearance of the heritage attributes affected".

#### **Staff Comment**

• Heritage Section staff have reviewed the submitted site plan, and find that the proposed landscape alterations do not have an adverse visual or physical impact on adjacent heritage properties, or on the cultural heritage value of the UHCD more broadly.

# **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham has no comment from a heritage perspective on the Site Plan Control application for 22 Fonthill Blvd.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

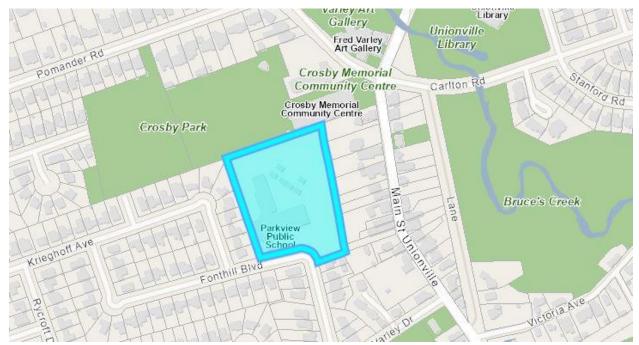
Appendix 'A' Location Maps

Appendix 'B' Photographs of Subject Property

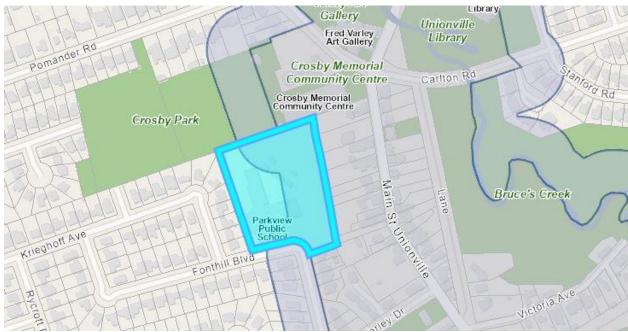
Appendix 'C' Site Plan

# Appendix 'A'

## Location Maps



The subject property outlined in blue (Source: City of Markham)



The relationship of the subject property, outlined in blue, to the Unionville HCD, and the 60m buffer from the boundary of the District (Source: City of Markham)

# Appendix 'B' Photographs of the Subject Property





The subject property as seen from the Fonthill Blvd (Source: Google)

# **Appendix 'C'**Proposed Site Plan

