

Thornhill Historical Society

December 12, 2022

Re: 8.1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEMOLISH - SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING, 83 JOHN STREET, THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, WARD 1 (16.11 & 10.13)

To the members of the Development Services Committee;

On behalf of the Thornhill Historical Society (THS), I am submitting the following comments concerning this proposal.

THS objects to the demolition of 83 John Street due to its connection to the type of housing that was provided under the *Veterans' Land Act* (VLA) of 1942. This house, now an increasingly rare example of such housing, is now 76 years old, and should be preserved because of its cultural heritage value.

The preservation of VLA houses (of which there are only 2 remaining) are explicitly mentioned in the District Plan Section 2.2 (page 8) "Statement of Heritage Value" as contributing to the character of the area. The existing building is consistent with and respectful of the historic character of the area. The character of the area is predominantly simple cottages.

Please endorse the Heritage Committee's recommendation and deny the application for demolition.

Sincerely,

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From: Valerie Burke

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Subject: Item 8.1 - 83 John Street - Intent to Demolish - DSC - December 12, 2022

To the Members of Development Services

Re: Item 8.1 - 83 John Street - Intent to Demolish

Please do not support the demolition of 83 John Street. This 76 year old house has a special connection to the Lands Veteran's Act (1942). It should be preserved because of its emerging cultural heritage, tangible reminder of the sacrifices veterans made to protect the freedoms we cherish and its contribution to the story of Thornhill Village.

I support Heritage Markham's recommendation that the house be preserved and a compatible addition be considered.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke