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Subject: Item 6.2 - Plan of Subdivision 10 Ruggles Avenue, Thornhill, (Langstaff) Conservation of Cultural Heritage Resource – Munshaw House

To the Members of Heritage Markham

Re: Item 6.2 - Plan of Subdivision 10 Ruggles Avenue, Thornhill

(Langstaff) Conservation of Cultural Heritage Resource – Munshaw House

The Munshaw House is now the last remaining tangible historic building in Langstaff Gateway and so it is extra important to do everything possible to ensure its preservation. Once the building is finally restored and incorporated into the new development, it will enhance the community and tell a story of what was once there.

Since the Munshaw House will be unoccupied and unheated for a decade or more, I am very concerned that it may not be protected adequately. I would like assurance that the developer is complying with all the preservation conditions. It would be very helpful to know what sort of reporting system staff will use to ensure the building is being protected. Receiving photos once a year is not adequate. I think every six months at the very least, there should be a City inspection with a report to Heritage Markham so that the Committee and the public are informed.

I support staff recommendation to have the owner enter into a formal Heritage Easement Agreement with the City to further protect the Munshaw House at both its temporary storage location and the future final site.

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