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CC: City Clerk, Juanita Nathan

RE: 7775 9th Line (box Grove) Markham, Ontario; Notice of Objection of Listing of Property of Register (Section 27 (3) Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that we are objecting to the property being included in the register and being proposed to be designated Heritage.

While the original dwelling along with the blacksmith's shop may have been constructed in the 1880's, The house has been completely renovated in 2010 and the Blacksmith shop has been long gone.

Your letter of intent states:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a unique example of an evolved vernacular village worker's cottage:

One-and-half storey main block of the dwelling with its rectangular plan; Board and batten siding; Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting open eaves; Flat-headed rectangular single-hung windows with six-over-six panes:

THE SIDING IS NOT ORIGINAL TO BUILDING, ORIGINAL CLADDING UNKNOWN (ADDED IN 2010 AS REQUIRED BY HERITAGE COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN PERMIT TO BUILD ADDITION) PREVIOUS SIDING WAS VINYL FROM THE 80'S.

MEDIUM-PITCH ROOF IS COMMONLY USED TODAY, DOES NOT DISTINGUISH HOUSE AS HERITAGE. NEW ADDITION ADDED AND ROOF LINE HAS CHANGED.

WINDOWS ARE DOUBLE HUNG AND DOUBLE GLAZED, ADDED AFTER 2007

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value, representing the theme of urban development, specifically the nineteenth century development of the historic hamlet of Sparta/Box Grove around a cluster of industries at the crossroads of Fourteenth Avenue and Ninth Line:

The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the nineteenth century development of the hamlet of Sparta/Box Grove

THERE ARE MANY SUCH BUILDINGS IN THIS AREA OF MARKHAM, IS THE TOWN PLANNING ON DESIGNATING EVERY SINGLE ONE?

BOXGROVE CONTAINS A VARIETY OF HOUSES OF MANY DESIGNS AND AGES, 7775 NINTH LINE IS NOT DISTINGUISHABLE FROM MANY OF THE SUBDIVISIONS IN MARKHAM. OR EVEN HOUSES ON OUR STREET

BOXGROVE IS NOT A HERITAGE DISTRICT

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic crossroads hamlet of Box Grove:

The location of the building on its original site within the historic crossroads hamlet of Box Grove.

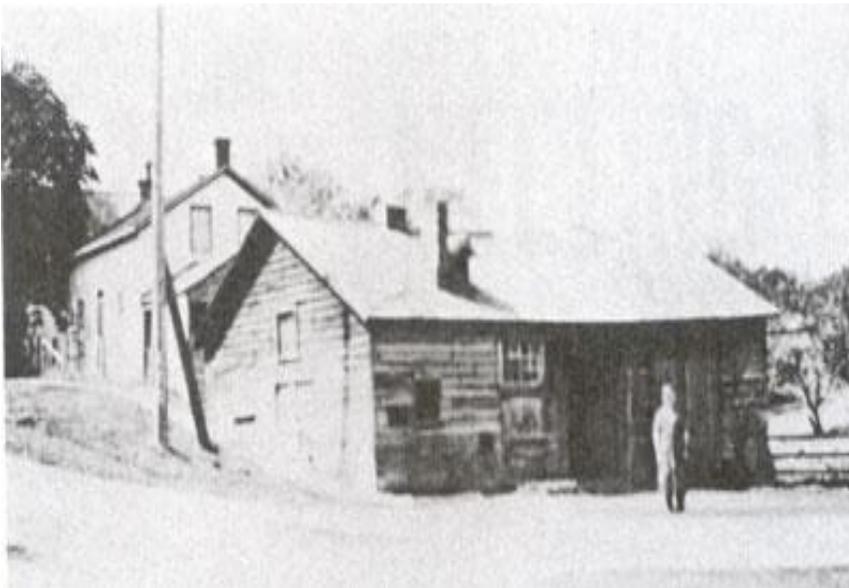
THERE IS NO PROOF THAT THIS BUILDING IS ON THE ORIGINAL SITE,

THE FOUNDATION OR THE BLACKSMITHS SHOP IS TOWARDS 14TH AVENUE AND HAS BEEN GONE FOR MANY YEARS

THE INFORMATION THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY IS EXTREMELY VAGUE AND IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY.

THE HOUSE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS NOT OUR HOUSE. THIS HOUSE IS THE BLACKSMITH SHOP, NOT THE HOUSE AT 7775 NINTH LINE

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BLACKSMITH SHOP IS SOUTH OF THE HOUSE CURRENTLY AT 7775 NINTH LINE.



THE PHOTOGRAPH IS NOT PRINTED BACKWARDS, NINTH LINE DID USED TO HAVE A SLOPE DEPICTED IN THE PHOTO PRIOR TO IBM BUILDING THE GOLF COURSE WHICH BECAME LEGACY AND PAVING OLD NINTH LINE.



As a comparison I have attached the decision from 7696 Ninth Line which is a very similar situation to our home, and it was removed:

WE HAVE ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE RENOVATION IN 2010, FOOTPRINT OF HOUSE ENLARGED, LAYOUT OF ROOMS WERE RECONFIGURED

NONE OF THE ORIGINAL SIDING, WINDOWS, DOOR OR ROOF REMAIN

ORIGINAL CHIMNEYS REMOVED

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP WAS DEMOLISHED

Given the above we are requesting the removal of our property from the designation list. We look forward to receiving your decision. Please advise should you have any questions or require further information.

Regards

Andrew Kam and Heather Beevor.