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Subject: 9.6 Demolition Permit Application – Munshaw House

To The Members of Development Services Committee

Re: 9.6 Demolition Permit Application – Munshaw House

Anything is possible if there is the will to get it done! The Munshaw House is the last heritage building left in Langstaff. Little by little all the other buildings have been destroyed. The developer made a promise to protect and restore this heritage asset. The Munshaw House needs to be restored to its circa 1854 appearance!

I am extremely disappointed that demolition of the Munshaw House is a distinct possibility, I strongly encourage you to support having the house be reconstructed to its circa 1854 appearance using the salvageable material. The recent Facet Group report states:

“The remaining sound attributes, specifically the original Douglas fir ground floor joists from the west portion of the building, may be salvaged during the demolition and cleanup. The original front doorframe and multi-paned sidelights may be able to be salvaged once the roof and second floor framing are removed. Areas of the clapboard siding or representative samples should be able to be salvaged. The foundation and plinth stone can be salvaged.”

The developer made a promise to protect and restore our heritage. It is evident that they are experts in building houses due to the nature of their construction business so I implore you to approve the reconstruction of this special building. It will be such a positive, good news story, a feather in the cap of the applicant and the City of Markham. Something to celebrate! Langstaff would be a more interesting and enjoyable place to live with the Munshaw House standing out in contrast to modern buildings.

Since Notre Dame Cathedral can be restored, then surely the little Munshaw House can be restored and reconstructed as well. Please hold the developer to account and protect our Canadian heritage!

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke