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From: Eric S. Wheeler [mailto:wheeler@ericwheeler.ca]

Sent: May 13, 2009 4:38 PM

To: Tari, Alida

Cc: Donna

Subject: Development Services Committee Meeting, 19 May 2009.

Development Services Committee

Re: 19 May 2009 Item 12 on page 167, concerning 2 Peter Street

As residents of Peter Street, who have appeared at public meetings on this proposal (and earlier forms of it), we want to reaffirm our opposition to the proposal, and our agreement with the Staff recommendation to deny approval. Our reasons are the same as before, which have been well summarized in the Staff report.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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From: ecco@pathcom.com [mailto:ecco@pathcom.com]

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To: Tari, Alida

Subject: RE: Development Services Committee re:2 Peter Street

Development Services Committee

RE: 19 May 2009 Item 12 on page 167, concerning 2 Peter Street

For the last number of years (since 2005, I believe) we, the residents of Peter Street have been engaged and opposed to Mr Boylan's many efforts through different committees, schemes and means to secure this severance. Only by bringing onboard 4 Peter Street owners (to assist this severance) has he the means to apply for severance which would not possibly pass if he could not engage these adjoining property owners to part with a section of their land to meet lot frontage requirements. In his schemes to destroy this unique part of Peter Street that has remained intact since its inception as a subdivision in the early 1890s, have the residents of Peter Street along with various committee members, councillors and Markham staff members who have been involved with all these deputations, opposed this proposal. Hopefully, today is time to put this matter to rest within the town once and for all. Eric & Wendy Green
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May 13, 2009

To the Development Services Committee, Mayor and members of Council,

I understand that the proposed severance and subsequent relocation of a heritage house at #2 and #4 Peter Street will be one of the topics discussed at the Development Service Committee meeting on Tuesday May 19, 2009. The purpose of this letter is to express my opposition to the proposal.

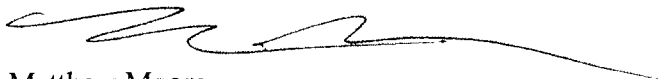
Many homeowners (including myself) in the neighborhood have opposed this proposal in the past, and I am confident that we will continue to oppose it as long as is necessary to preserve the historic character of Peter Street.

The proposal would substantially alter the streetscape of the heritage district of Peter Street. All the other heritage houses are of a consistent style, and all other lots (including non-heritage houses, such as mine) have wonderful wide lots that are non-existent in new developments. The proposal impacts mature trees on the lots. The proposal contradicts the letter and spirit of by-laws that are meant to preserve the heritage district. The proposal is offensive to the many homeowners who take pride in restoring and preserving their heritage homes, and to those who moved to the neighborhood in appreciation of its long history. All of these arguments, and many more, have been made and heard before.

Since this proposal was last discussed publicly in October, an additional argument against the proposal has come about. On May 9th, a plaque commemorating the 200-year history of the Raymer family in Markham was dedicated at the corner of Beech Street and Main Street. #2 Peter Street figures quite prominently in the background to all future readers of this plaque. Severing this lot and relocating a heritage house from outside the existing heritage district would be an affront to this history.

I trust that the Committee will act to preserve the character and historic value of the heritage district.

Sincerely,



Matthew Moore