



Report to: **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

Report Date: September 18, 2007

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**SUBJECT:** DESIGNATION UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
Lindvest Properties (Cornell) Limited  
The Abraham Reesor House  
7265 Highway 7

**PREPARED BY:** George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT pursuant to the Conservation Review Board recommendation dated June 6, 2007, Council enact the attached by-law (Appendix "C") designating the Abraham Reesor House at 7265 Highway 7, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest;

And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Not applicable

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Conservation Review Board's findings and recommendations with respect to the Town of Markham's intention to designate the Abraham Reesor House at 7265 Highway 7, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, under the Ontario Heritage Act.

**BACKGROUND:**

**The Abraham Reesor House dates from 1875**

The Abraham Reesor House is a one and a half storey brick house in the Picturesque architectural style. It was constructed in 1875 (confirmed by a date stone in the gable) and is a significant landmark on the south side of Highway 7, east of 9<sup>th</sup> Line.

**Council recommended the subject property for designation in February, 2006**

On February 14, 2006, based on the recommendation of Heritage Markham, Council passed its Intention to Designate 7265 Highway 7 as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (Council Resolution attached as Appendix "A"). The designation was initiated in response to the owner's plans to relocate or dismantle the building, a Group 1 heritage building, within the Cornell Secondary Plan area.

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**An objection to the designation was received and the matter referred to the Conservation Review Board**

The owners at the time of the Intention to Designate, Glenn and Sharon Russell, filed an objection to the designation. At its meeting of April 25, 2006, Council passed a resolution referring the objection to the Conservation Review Board, in accordance with the legislation. The property changed ownership shortly after the objection was filed, and it took some time for the Conservation Review Board to coordinate a hearing date suitable to all parties. The new owner, Lindvest Properties (Cornell) Limited, did not object to the designation, but maintained a dialogue with the Conservation Review Board and Town staff regarding the status of the designation.

**The Conservation Review Board hearing took place on June 6, 2007**

The original date for the hearing was April 26, 2007. The hearing was adjourned to June 6, 2007, at the request of Mrs. Russell, the objector, since her husband was not able to attend that day for personal reasons. On the new date of the hearing, the objectors did not attend, although they had been duly notified. The hearing took place notwithstanding the absence of the objectors and the Town of Markham presented its evidence to the Board in support of the heritage designation.

**The Conservation Review Board recommends that designation proceed**

The Conservation Review Board's findings are contained in a report dated June 6, 2007, and received on August 7, 2007. The Board recommends that the Abraham Reesor House be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (see report, Appendix "B").

**DISCUSSION:**

**Staff recommend that the designation process for the Abraham Reesor House be completed**

The recommendation of the Conservation Review Board upholds the Town of Markham's position that the property is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. It is therefore recommended that the designation process now be completed by Council enacting the attached designation by-law (Appendix "C").

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)**

Not applicable.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

**ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

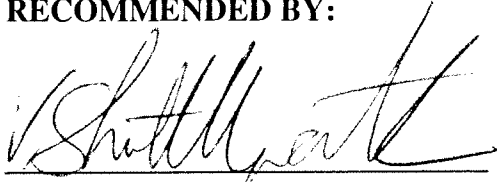
**ENGAGE 21<sup>ST</sup> CONSIDERATIONS:**

Heritage designation helps achieve a quality community by recognizing, promoting and protecting a heritage resource, which strengthens the sense of community.

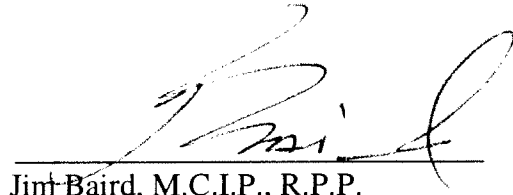
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**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Acceptance of this recommendation to pass the by-law designating 7265 Highway 7 under the Ontario Heritage Act will require the Clerk's Department to complete the designation process and initiate the registration of the by-law on the property title.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

Valerie Shuttleworth, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.  
Director of Planning & Urban Design



Jim Baird, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.  
Commissioner of Development Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Figure 1: Applicant/Location Map  
Appendix "A" – Council Resolution February 14, 2006  
Appendix "B" – Conservation Review Board Report  
Appendix "C" – Designation By-law

**FIGURE 1**

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**LOCATION MAP:**