



MEMORANDUM

TO: HERITAGE MARKHAM COMMITTEE

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager - Heritage Planning

DATE: March 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Proposed Building Code Amendments
Energy Efficiency
Public Consultation

See attached information.

Comments are due by March 27, 2006 to the

Suggested Heritage Markham Recommendation

THAT Council of the Town of Markham provide feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding energy efficiency changes to the Ontario Building Code indicating the following:

- that depending on how they are interpreted and applied, energy conservation measures have the potential to compromise heritage attributes of properties of cultural heritage value and interest;
- that the Ontario Building Code (Part 11) allows for compliance alternatives on some code requirements if they are found to be detrimental to the preservation of a heritage building, subject to the satisfaction of the chief building official; and
- that any proposed changes to the Building Code should include compliance alternatives that are preferable from a heritage perspective for proposed energy efficiency requirements.