

Daniels-Fairty House

7060 Markham Road



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Presentation To General Committee

Heritage Status

- Listed on the Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or interest
- Designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
- Evaluated as a Group 1 heritage resource



Picture taken 1948

Cultural Heritage Value: Historical and Associative Value

- One of the last remaining heritage buildings from the historical community of Armadale
- Constructed in 1851 by John Daniels II.
- The Daniels family were among the earliest settlers in Markham – listed in William Berczy's census of 1803
- They were a farming family from the United States
- Elmer Fairty, an insurance broker from North Toronto, purchased the former Daniels farm in the 1940s
- The Fairty family operated a sod farm on this property, and other properties in the area
- They also operated a garden centre and driving range on Markham Road (east side)
- The farm was sold in 1985

Cultural Heritage Value: Design and Physical Value

- A good example of a farmhouse in the Georgian architectural tradition
- A one and a half storey, red brick building clad in white stucco



Cultural Heritage Value: Design and Physical Value

- Formal entrance with transom and sidelights
- 8 over 8 and 6 over 6 windows
- Eave returns with Classical mouldings
- One storey kitchen wing



Cultural Heritage Value: Contextual Value

- Semi-rural setting recalling the agricultural heritage of the area
- A landmark building and entry feature on the Markham/Toronto boundary
- A tangible link with the area's early history



Background / Options Explored

- Gateway to the Town of Markham



- Building has seriously deteriorated over recent years
- Adaptive Renewal and Reuse Studies (AECOM) completed in 2008/2009 - Restore existing building - \$1 million (2009\$)
- Expansion Options explored for future use

Next Steps

1. Prepare a RFP to seek external interests in restoring the building in exchange for a long term lease of the building.
2. If no interested parties from RFP, the Town will undertake restoration over a period of 5 years – then tie the building into the park for community uses and potentially public washrooms. No expansion and restore only the heritage features.
 - o Utilize 2012 Capital Budget Request #12287 - \$448,000 - Work includes stabilization and preservation of building, and protection from the environment.

Questions?