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Subject: FW: Markham Council - January 30, 2017 - Wm. Lott House

From: DIANE BERWICK

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:52 PM

To: Kitteringham, Kimberley

Cc: Councillor, Valerie Burke - Markham; Hutcheson, Regan; Duncan, George

Subject: Markham Council - January 30, 2017 - Wm. Lott House

Kimberley:

Please forward my letter to Markham's Mayor and Councillors in advance of the Council meeting Monday January 30th. Thank you.

To: Members of Markham Council:

The William Lott House, 7926 Highway 7 East

Heritage Markham's report of January 23, 2017 to the Development Services Committee regarding the William Lott House is very informative. That report, combined with a restoration assessment that apparently took place, indicates this house to be a unique example of a gable front design and is included in the City's inventory of non-designated properties identified as having cultural heritage value or interest. To me, these assessments give a clear indication of the need for preservation of this house.

I agree with Heritage Markham that this building should be preserved and Markham Council should deny the demolition permit.

I also agree with intent to designate this property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

It is incredibly frustrating and disappointing that there is a continual fight - every inch of the way - to preserve what heritage buildings/properties remain, and in this case, especially when Heritage Markham itself recommends this particular building can be and should be restored. Why has this unique century home been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair in the first place?

The City of Markham can be and would make us all proud to be "the model" for other cities, including Toronto, for what good preservation looks like, not just in this 150th year anniversary of our great country but during every single year. Make us proud ... preserve ... preserve ... preserve ... what little there is left.

Sincerely,

Diane Berwick

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Subject: FW: Demolition request for the William Lott House

From: Pam Birrell

Sent: January-29-17 11:29 PM

To: Mayor & Councillors; Bavington, Kitty; Hutcheson, Regan

Subject: Demolition request for the William Lott House

To the Mayor and members of Markham Council

On behalf of the Executive Committee of The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT), I wish to express our dismay over the Development Services vote to approve the demolition of the historic William Lott House at 7926 highway 7 E.

The William Lott House represents more than just a single heritage building. It is representative of any heritage building within the City of Markham. With each application that Council reviews, they demonstrate their commitment to heritage preservation.

Markham is known for it's commitment to heritage preservation. It is part of what makes Markham such a great community to live in and it's heritage buildings are a source of pride for it's residents.

As we begin our celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation, we ask that Council continue to show it's commitment to heritage preservation by supporting the Heritage Committee's recommendation for restoration and deny the application for the demolition of the William Lott House.

Sincerely,

Pam Birrell

President, The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill