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Re: Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property, Benares Main House, 1503 Clarkson Road North, Ward 2

The Heritage Advisory Committee at its meeting on August 30, 2011 considered a Corporate Report dated August 2, 2011 regarding the above noted matter and recommended the following:

HAC-0063-2011

That the request to make alterations to the Benares Main House as described in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated August 2, 2011, be approved and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ward 2

(HAC-0063-2011)

This recommendation was approved by General Committee on September 7, 2011 and subsequently adopted by City Council on September 14, 2011.

For your information, I have attached the Corporate Report regarding this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Lavertu".

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Elaine Eigl, Heritage Coordinator
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Darlene Utarid, Program Coordinator



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Heritage Advisory Committee

AUG 30 2011

DATE: August 2, 2011

TO: Chair and Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: August 30, 2011

FROM: Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng, MBA
Commissioner of Community Services

SUBJECT: Request to Alter a Heritage Designated Property
Benares Main House, 1503 Clarkson Road North
(Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION: That the request to make alterations to the Benares Main House as described in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated August 2, 2011, be approved and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

BACKGROUND: Benares main house is owned by the City of Mississauga. It is located on Clarkson Road North, between Truscott Road and the QEW. Some of the out-buildings on the property date to the original Edgar Neave Estate, circa 1835. The main house, a two storey brick and stone structure is rectangular in shape with a long single storey stone portion to the rear. The rear stone part of the building dates to 1835 whereas the brick portion was built circa 1855 after a fire destroyed the original stone building. At each side of the structure, there are two pairs of internally bracketed, brick, double-linked chimneys. Two other internally bracketed brick chimneys appear in the rear section, which has a gabled roof. The colours on the building exterior were done to reflect the 1890 period. The house has been retrofitted and generally restored based on research and informed detailing on the inside and out from 1990 to 1995, by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. This site

is an important cultural landscape as the six acre parcel provides a link to the area's agrarian past with its historic elements, mature trees, open space, all within an urban context. The Benares Main House was Designated in 1977 under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

COMMENTS:

In 2010, the heritage restoration company of McGillivray Architect was retained by the City of Mississauga to conduct a condition assessment of the Benares Main House. McGillivray Architect concluded that the four chimneys on the house were a high priority for the repair of loose bricks and re-pointing of the existing mortar. The attached letter from Darlene Utarid, Program Coordinator for the City of Mississauga's Facilities and Property Management (Appendix 1) supports the need for the rebuilding and repair of these chimneys. In addition, a letter provided by ATA Architects Inc. (Appendix 2) in July 2011, outlines the scope of work being proposed to rebuild and repair the four chimneys. Staff from Facilities and Property Management confirm "in-kind" materials will be used in the rebuilding and repair work.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact

CONCLUSION:

The proposed alterations on the Benares Main House include the rebuilding and re-pointing of the four chimneys. This proposed work represents significant alterations to these heritage assets and thus requires a Heritage Permit. Heritage staff supports these alterations. The restoration work on the chimneys will include the use of "in-kind" materials.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix 1: Letter from Darlene Utarid, Program Coordinator, F&PM Department.
- Appendix 2: Letter of Proposed Work from ATA Architects Inc.
- Appendix 3: Pictures of Benares Main House Chimneys.
- Appendix 4: Architectural Drawings of Proposed Work.



Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng, MBA
Commissioner of Community Services

Prepared By: Laura Waldie, Heritage Coordinator