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VIA REGISTERED MAIL

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Re: Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property, Folly House and Derry House, Adamson Estate,

850/875 Enola Avenue, Ward 1

The Heritage Advisory Committee at its meeting on August 30, 2011 considered a Corporate Report dated August 3, 2011 regarding the above noted matter and recommended the following:

HAC-0066-2011

That the request to make alterations to the Folly House and Derry House on the Adamson Estate as described in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated August 3, 2011, be approved and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto. Ward 1 (HAC-0066-2011)

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,

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Haritage Advisory Committee **AUG** 3 0 2011

DATE:

August 3, 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

Folly House and Derry House Adamson Estate, 850/875

Enola Avenue (Ward 1)

RECOMMENDATION: That the request to make alterations to the Folly House and Derry House on the Adamson Estate as described in the report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated August 3, 2011, be approved and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

BACKGROUND:

The Adamson Estate property is located on Enola Avenue, south of Lakeshore Road East and West of Cawthra Road. The large property consists of two houses, a gateway, barn and other outbuildings. This property has a long history going back to the first Crown grant to Joseph Cawthra in 1804 and letters patented in 1809. It is believed a small log structure once stood on the property which was followed by a larger Swiss chateau style structure added to the water side. The Derry House, is associated with Anthony Adamson, who was awarded the Order of Canada in 1974 for his contributions to Canadian architecture. Adamson was a professor at the University of Toronto and was best known as one of the leaders in Canadian architectural conservation. The Derry House is a good example of the Regency and

Greek Revival styles. The gatehouse, called Folly House, was built in 1905 to supplement the previous house on the site. It was intended for summer use only. The Folly House has been leased to the Royal Conservatory of Music since 1992 and was restored and retrofitted in 1996. The grounds remain a public park. The remnants of the original estate with its house, barn, out buildings and grounds are significant as a cultural landscape because they provide a window into the past of an important pioneer family and the lifestyle associated with an early twentieth century country estate.

The City designated the Adamson Estate property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* in 1992 for its physical, historical and contextual value.

COMMENTS:

Both of these structures are owned by the City of Mississauga. Each year, the Facilities and Property Management staff evaluate and prioritize Lifecycle and repairs work required for all City owned buildings, including heritage properties. This year's review has uncovered a number of projects which need to be addressed to ensure the continued protection of these designated heritage buildings as well as provide a safe environment for visitors, tenants and employees.

The wood deck, stairs and railings, located at the Folly House, were assessed by Heritage Architects with ATA Architects Inc. in July 2011. Currently, the wood of these structures has deteriorated to a state where it has become unsafe for visitors to the building. A basement window, located at Derry House, is also in need of replacement due to significant water leakage over the years. The attached letter from Darlene Utarid, Project Coordinator with Facilities and Property Management, City of Mississauga (Appendix 1) indicates the need for the repair/replacement of these attributes. In addition, a letter of proposed work, provided by ATA Architects Inc (Appendix 2) outlines the scope of work proposed as well as confirming all materials will be replaced "in-kind".

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact

CONCLUSION:

Staff from facility and Property Management propose to repair the wood deck, stairs and railing on the Folly House as well as replace a basement window on the Derry House. This work represents significant alterations to these heritage assets and thus requires a Heritage Permit. Heritage staff supports these alterations. The repair work at the Folly House will particularly contribute to the improved safety of visitors, tenants and employees. The window replacement at Derry House will provide protection from water damage. The restoration work on both homes will include the use of "in-kind" wood 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 Folly House Stairs and Derry House

Basement Window.

Appendix 4: Architectural Drawings of Proposed Work

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

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