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Re: Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property, Main 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 2, 2011 regarding the above noted matter and recommended the following:

HAC-0065-2011

That the request to make alterations to the entrance steps of the Derry House and Main House on the Adamson Estate 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 1

(HAC-0065-2011)

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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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
Main House and Derry House Adamson Estate, 850/875
Enola Avenue
(Ward 1)

RECOMMENDATION: That the request to make alterations to the entrance steps of the Derry House and Main House on the Adamson Estate 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: 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 given 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 circa 1850 cottage was removed when the Main House was built in 1919 by Toronto architects Sproatt and Rolph. In 1929 a "glassed orangery" was added which was turned into a library in the 1950s and some windows blocked up. The house represents the best in the

architectural taste of the 1920s and has a particularly fine gabled vestibule at the main north entrance. The second home on the Adamson Estate property, 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 architectural conservation. The Derry House is a good example of the Regency and Greek Revival styles. The gatehouse, called Folly House, is in effect a "folly" and was built in 1905 to supplement the previous house on the site. It was 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:

In 2009, VFA Consultants were retained by the City of Mississauga to assess the structural conditions of several City owned properties, including the buildings located at the Adamson Estate. The assessment of the Derry House and Main House were added to the 2011 Heritage Lifecycle Repairs and Maintenance Project and are summarized in a memo provided by Darlene Utarid, Project Coordinator with the Facilities and Property Management, City of Mississauga (Appendix 1). The report by VFA concluded that the stone steps on the north and south entrances of the Main House and the stone and brick steps on the north entrance of the Derry House, are in need of repair and replacement. The City of Mississauga retained ATA Architects Inc. in July 2011 to further assess recommended repairs. Their expert opinion is outlined in a letter addressed to the Heritage Advisory Committee (Appendix 2). It recommends the repair and replacement of the stone and brick steps with "in-kind" materials. Every effort to retain and reuse the original materials will be made. The conservation of these steps is vital to protect the safety of all visitors and staff to these buildings.


FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact

CONCLUSION:

The proposed alterations to repair the stone and brick steps of both the Main House and Derry House on the Adamson Estate, represents a significant alteration to these heritage assets and thus requires a Heritage Permit. As these buildings on the Adamson Estate are Designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, it is important that the replacement stone and brick materials be authentic in their design and materials. Heritage staff supports the alteration to these stone and brick steps to improve the safety and well being of all visitors and staff to these buildings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix 1: Letter from Darlene Utarid, Program Coordinator, F&PM Department, City of Mississauga
- Appendix 2: Letter of Proposed Work from ATA Architects
- Appendix 3: Pictures of Derry House Stairs and Main House Stairs
- Appendix 4: Architectural Drawing of Proposed Work



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

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