

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOVEMBER 19, 2001**

**HALLETT BLOCK LINTEL**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk requests direction.

**Purpose**

Mayor Jackson has requested this matter be placed on a Committee of the Whole Agenda for consideration.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The attached letter from Mrs. Grace Thompson, dated August 2001, addressed to Mayor Jackson and the Mayor's response dated October 17, 2001 is provided for the information of Council. Mrs. Thompson's letter refers to a commemorative structure erected by Market Lane in memory of her husband's maternal grandfather, John George Hallett and requests:

"As this is a memorial to an important time period in the history of Woodbridge, I respectfully ask Council to consider the following:

That the wall containing the lintel, plaque and Hallett Block be moved to a more deserving location. I would suggest Armstrong Parquette or some equally desirable location within the old Village limits. Failing this, I would suggest that it be turned and moved to the curb immediately behind its present location, so it will no longer be on property leased from Market Lane."

**Conclusion**

Direction is being requested with respect to this matter.

**Attachments**

1. Mrs. Grace Thompson's letter dated August 2001
2. Mayor Jackson's letter dated October 17, 2001

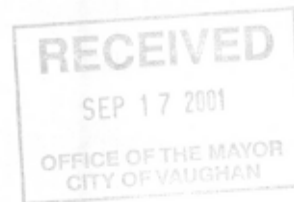
**Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted,

John Leach  
City Clerk

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August, 2001



Mrs Lorna Jackson  
Mayor, City of Vaughan  
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Dear Mrs. Jackson,

In 1984 the original lintel from the first bank established in the Village of Woodbridge was placed in Market Lane. On the front of the wall supporting the lintel is a plaque that reads as follows:

"John George Hallett built the first bank building in Woodbridge on this site in 1903. He served as manager until 1921. This decorative lintel extended across the front of the building with the Hallett block set into brick above it. This commemorative structure was erected by Market Lane in cooperation with the local Architectural Committee of the Town of Vaughan in 1984".

The Hallett block is also set into the wall supporting the lintel.

The plaque was unveiled and all three were officially dedicated.

Mr. Hallett was my husband's maternal Grandfather. Many of the family gathered for the occasion, some from quite a distance.

It was thought at the time that the memorial would receive the respect it deserves.

Since then, an outside eating and drinking area has been established directly in front of the memorial, and chairs and tables completely obscure the plaque and most of the wall. A garbage container sits in front of the Hallett Block.

*more garbage containers*  
As this is a memorial to an important time period in the history of Woodbridge, I respectfully ask Council to consider the following:

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be turned and moved to the curb immediately behind its' present location, so it will no longer be on property leased from Market Lane.

This has become a most distressing situation and one that deserves Council's immediate attention.

I am enclosing copies of photographs taken on the day of the dedication and of the Hallett Block being removed prior to the demolition of the building. One picture shows the unveiling of the plaque by yourself and Mr. Gino Rosati, who I believe was at that time the manager of the Royal Bank in Woodbridge.

I thank you for your kind consideration, and look forward to a meeting to discuss this situation.

Yours Truly,



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cc. Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase  
Councillor Gino Rosati



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October 17, 2001

Mrs. Grace Thompson  
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Dear Mrs. Thompson:

*Re: Hallett Block Lintel*

I wish to acknowledge your letter in which you express your concerns regarding the Hallett Block Lintel.

The lintel, plaque and Hallett Block are on private property. The coffee shop has permission from the owner/property manager, to use the patio area.

I will request the coffee shop operator to locate the garbage container to an alternative location.

I have referred your letter to Mr. John Leach, City Clerk, for inclusion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Yours sincerely,

*Halina Rogas*  
*per* Lorna Jackson  
Mayor

Copy: Members of Council  
John Leach, City Clerk ✓

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