

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 6, 2006

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 374-90, A BY-LAW DESIGNATING THE ISAAC BAKER HOMESTEAD, 1350 LANGSTAFF ROAD

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation & Culture and the Legal Services Department, recommends:

1. That By-law 374-90, a by-law designating the Isaac Baker Homestead, 1350 Langstaff Road, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, be amended by deleting the description of lands portion of the designating by-law found in Schedule "A" of the said by-law and replacing it with the new property description, described as "Lots 52, 53 and Block 168 on Plan 65M-3751".

Economic Impact

This request has no financial impact.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend By-law 374-90, a by-law designating the Isaac Baker Homestead under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Isaac Baker Homestead located at 1350 Langstaff Road was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1990. The property contains the original house constructed by Isaac Baker in 1930 and his harness workshop from which he operated his harness shop for over 50 years. Isaac Baker was a descendant of the original Baker family that first settled in Vaughan in the 1790s. Mr. Baker was a renowned craftsman in his own right and contributed to the preservation of the Mennonite-Dunkard heritage in the Vaughan community during his lifetime.

In recent years the current property owners severed the original homestead property and while the Isaac Baker House and harness shop remains intact, the vacant land surrounding the property was sold. As a result of this severance, the original legal description of the property has been altered. The new property description contains the designated house and harness shop only. The amendment to the by-law as proposed represents the new legal description of lands that contains the Isaac Baker House and harness shop. Designating by-laws are required to be registered on title and therefore, the amendment to the by-law is necessary to register the revised by-law against the appropriate property title.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 4.6 of the Vaughan Vision encourages the preservation and enhancement of the natural and built heritage environment and encourages the preservation of significant historical structures and communities.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources to implement all points outlined in this report have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The proposed amendment to By-law 375-90, updating the By-law to represent the new property description is required as a result of the severance that was approved for the property several years ago. All designating by-laws must be registered on title and the current by-law does not represent the new legal description of the property that contains the Isaac Baker Homestead and harness shop. It is, therefore, necessary to amend By-law 375-90 to include in its legal description, property that represents the new legal description of lands that contains the Isaac Baker Homestead and Harness shop.

Attachments

None

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