



Appendix D
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To: Clerks Office

Re: Langstaff-Holmwood, 107 Hall Street, Richmond Hill
For: Consideration of Heritage Richmond Hill Committee

To whom it may concern:

The Richmond Hill Historical Society is attaching a document (letter) sent to Andrea Kulesh in December 2016, as a response from Judy and Bruce Langstaff – to the proposed rotation's of the property at 107 Hall Street as the previous owners of Holmwood, 107 Hall Street, Richmond Hill. We submit this letter to be considered by the Heritage Richmond Hill committee. This is their personal opinion as the last generation to have lived in the home from 1849.

In addition to the document from Judy and Bruce Langstaff, the Richmond Hill Historical Society would like to offer the Society's review of the property's Assessment Report.

The Executive and Membership is encouraged by the efforts that the owner of the property-LiVante Mgmt. has shown with regard to this very important heritage building. The assessment document of the property is very well detailed and has shown that the original designation has been upheld for the house - with a thorough investigation.

Many points have been made in the assessment report regarding the preservation - restoration and rehabilitation. Preservation is key to our opinion. The very interesting point of the house being moved and not rotated in the 1970's adds another level of historical uniqueness to this designated home. It was well planned, has architectural merit, was used for numerous activities of great importance - some of the very first types of medical operations were performed there and was the first hospital in Richmond Hill. Three generations lived in the home as it was - even after the move of the house. It honours the house to let it remain the unique home that it was for all of the Langstaff generations that lived there and for the future families who will once again fill the house for the purpose it was built.

The Richmond Hill Historical Society is of the same opinion as Judy and Bruce Langstaff, with regard to the proposed rotation of the house known as Holmwood. We do not believe that rotation is necessary. We believe it would destroy and create a cessation of its living history. (ref. in Staff Report- 41 - Holmwood-Langstaff Residence, 107 Hall St., Richmond Hill-Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment - 6.4 rotation reference).

This is the Society's opinion based on the Cultural Heritage value of the home's past history for the community of Richmond Hill.

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