



## Staff Report for Heritage Richmond Hill

Date of Meeting: April 10, 2018      - Deferred to the May 8, 2018 Heritage  
Report Number: SRPRS.18.091      Richmond Hill meeting

Department: Planning and Regulatory Services  
Division: Policy Planning

Subject: Addition to the Richmond Hill Heritage Register (Town  
File # D12.18001 - SRPRS.18.091)

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### Purpose:

This report seeks Heritage Richmond Hill's recommendation to Council that the property municipally known as 400 Stouffville Road be included as a "listed" property on the Richmond Hill Heritage Register.

### Recommendation(s):

- a) That Heritage Richmond Hill recommends to Council that the property located at 400 Stouffville Road be included as a "listed" property in the Richmond Hill Heritage Register as described under subsection 27.(1.2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
- b) That the Town Clerk notify the owners of the newly "listed" property of its inclusion as a "listed" property in the Richmond Hill Heritage Register.

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Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services

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"Signed version on file in the Office of the Clerk"

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Chief Administrative Officer

## **Background:**

Under subsection 27(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Act), the Clerk of the Town is required to keep a Municipal Heritage Register of all properties that are of cultural heritage value or interest to the Town. The Richmond Hill Heritage Register (Register) includes two levels of protection for properties. The highest level of protection within the Register is “designation” of a property by Council through registration of a designation by-law registered on title to the land. A designation by-law includes a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and a list of specific heritage attributes which are identified in accordance with the “Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest” defined in *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

The lesser level of protection accorded to a property is achieved through its inclusion in the Register as a “listed” property under subsection 27(1.2) of the Act. “Listed” properties have not been “designated” under section 29 of the Act, but the owner of such a property shall not demolish any buildings or structures on the property without providing Council with 60 days to fully review the cultural heritage value of the property prior to issuing a decision on a proposed demolition permit. Council may decide to designate the property, however if Council determines instead not to designate the property, there will be no obstacle for the owner to obtain the demolition permit.

This staff report seeks Heritage Richmond Hill’s (HRH) recommendations to Council of the inclusion of one additional “listed” property to the Register.

## **Property to be Considered for Inclusion in the Register:**

New discoveries of properties believed to be of cultural heritage significance or value are occasionally brought to the attention of staff and the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee. Such properties are reported to Council for consideration of their inclusion in the Register. If Council chooses to “list” such properties in the Register, the Register is updated and the properties are afforded the demolition protection provided under the Act.

Staff is recommending that the property municipally known as 400 Stouffville Road be added to the Register as a "listed" property under subsection 27(1.2) of the Act. 400 Stouffville Road was discovered by staff while reviewing a Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR) that was prepared as a part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Stouffville Road Study Area.

The 1.5 storey log cabin located on 400 Stouffville Road exhibits very old historical construction techniques and craftsmanship, now rare in the community of Richmond Hill. The cabin includes wide diameter square log walls, 8 over 8 divided light windows and a wooden door. The log cabin was at one time part of a larger network of cabins that were used by members of the Toronto Ski Club which is recognized as one of the first major organized ski clubs in the province.

Staff has undertaken a preliminary evaluation of the property's heritage characteristics and believes that the property contains sufficient heritage interest to merit “listing” on

the Register. The owners of the property have been notified by staff that their property is being considered for inclusion in the Register and have been invited to attend the April 10, 2018 Heritage Richmond Hill meeting.

#### **Photo: 400 Stouffville Road**



(Google Maps, 2018)

#### **Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:**

The recommendations in this report will have no financial or staffing implications.

#### **Relationship to the Strategic Plan:**

Including 400 Stouffville Road as a “listed” property on the Register under subsection 27(1.2) of the Act is directly consistent with Goal 3 – Outcome 1 of the Strategic Plan, which is to “Respect the past through promoting the awareness of the Town’s heritage, in part by showcasing local history”. This recommendation also implements the direction to achieve Goal 3, “A More Vibrant Richmond Hill,” specifically, by “stewarding Richmond Hill’s heritage resources”.

#### **Conclusion:**

The inclusion of 400 Stouffville Road into the Richmond Hill Heritage Register will provide the Town with at least 60 days to fully review and consider the heritage significance of the property, should an application to demolish a building or structure located thereon be submitted in the future.

