Revised Draft Definition of Minor Alterations to Properties Designated Under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act

Staff have taken into consideration the comments provided by members of Heritage Richmond Hill and the following is the version that will be brought forward for Council's consideration.

At the discretion of staff, minor alteration is work that is considered to have a neutral or positive impact on the property's heritage attributes, and is limited in scope. Examples of this work include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Exterior repainting in a historically accurate colour that is different than the existing colour;
- 2. Repair of existing features provided that the repairs relate to small amounts of damage and the same or historically accurate types of materials are used;
- 3. Alterations to non-heritage features;
- 4. Addition, removal, replacement, or alteration of lighting features that are not considered heritage attributes;
- 5. Alterations to hard landscaping features including walkways, driveways, and fences that are not considered heritage attributes;
- 6. Repointing of masonry if limited to 10% of the surface area being repaired;
- 7. Repairing of wooden cladding if limited to 10% of the surface area being repaired;
- 8. Replacement of non-original windows with either like materials or wooden windows;
- 9. Revisions to previously approved permits.

In an instance where a project is contentious, or where staff does not support the proposed work, the alteration is referred to Heritage Richmond Hill for review and will require Council approval.

City staff has the ability to require review by Heritage Richmond Hill and approval by Council at their discretion.