

**Attachment B -  
Staff Report SRPBS.25.001**

Monday, November 11, 2024

To: City Clerk of Richmond Hill /Julia Smith

Re: Objection to the passing of 11644 Leslie Street (Richmond Hill) designation as Heritage Site

Please consider this letter as a formal objection made on behalf of Chuk Ling Chang and Gustavo Chang, the landowner of the above property. I, Alexander Chang, will be representing both my parents on this matter to give direction on their behalf.

The reason for this objection are mainly financial limitations as the house itself requires repairs that are beyond what is in our financial means. Although we do understand that the City's report does deem criterias for our house designated as being of Historical Heritage Significance today, we did not purchase this family home in 1987 with this information. We are concerned that by designating our property, we will be under financial duty to upkeep this to the standard that the City would require it, hence this Objection to the designation.

Furthermore, as it is currently livable, the monthly maintenance cost in utilities is not efficient as the age of the house is of old construction material. Repairs on the roof and upkeep we have put in place over the years, but there are more costs to fixing up an old house. For us, it is a money pit, we do not want to be held accountable for it with the designation. For example, at this point, we do not think the foundation is worth repairing due to it being stone and mortar that is beyond repair. Because of the aging foundation, the wooden plank floor board is concaving due to the sinking foundation. When we had the house appraised for a mortgage recently, we could not secure a mortgage on the house as it was deemed of zero value.

Should the City of Richmond Hill proceed with designating the house to be of Historical Heritage Significance, we are prepared to donate the house to the City for the future upkeep and further discuss this option with your planners. Please consider that we do not have historical ties to the house, but understand that the City may have more sentimental values with it and would like to protect it. This we are not objecting to so a relocation would be ideal if the planning department is willing to relocate the house to city land.

Sincerely,

Alexander Chang

Chuk Ling Chang

Gustavo Chang