

Past Markham Council Resolutions

May 2004

- “to encourage Transport Canada to coordinate their buildings review with Town staff with the objective of protecting all locally significant properties located on the Green Space lands and, where feasible, protecting all heritage properties within the larger Federal holdings, which may be achieved through private ownership or other means.”

May 2005

- May 24, 2005- Council passed a resolution requesting no demolition until a cultural heritage protection strategy is created with TC

February 2007

- February 27, 2007

That the Federal Minister of Transportation be advised that the preservation of heritage resources is a key strategic objective of the Town of Markham in achieving a quality community;

And that the Town of Markham appreciates earlier Federal initiatives to encourage dialogue with local municipalities regarding the future of heritage resources within the Pickering Lands Site and the cultural heritage objectives of their draft Green Space Master Plan;

And that Council is therefore very concerned that the current approach of Transport Canada, to demolish a number of Heritage Buildings, will result in the continued loss of locally significant heritage resources and rural communities, creating a large depopulated area in the north-east part of Markham;

And that Council is further concerned that the current Transport Canada approach to demolish heritage buildings is not consistent with the policies of the Draft Federal Green Space Master Plan;

And that the Town of Markham respectfully requests that no demolitions of any heritage buildings on the portion of the Federal Pickering Airport Lands Site within the boundaries of the Town of Markham, including the buildings located at 9664 York Durham Line, 10472 Reesor Road and 10987 Ninth Line, occur at this time, and that strategies for short term and long term preservation of significant heritage buildings be finalized as per the Office of the Ministry of Transport letter of July 2005;

And that Council direct Town staff to continue to work with Transport Canada to develop a cultural heritage protection strategy:

1. that is consistent with the stated principles and vision for the Federal Green Space lands, and;
2. that will provide interim cultural heritage protection for the non-green space Pickering Airport lands until such time as the long-term use of the non-Green Space lands in Markham is determined.

And that Transport Canada be requested to re-convene the Transport Canada Heritage Steering Committee to complete its mandate to develop a Heritage Strategy for building deemed locally significant;

And that Transport Canada again be requested to consider as part of the strategy deliberations, privatization of the heritage buildings from government and agency-owned to privately-owned, as described in previous resolutions of the Town of Markham;

And that a meeting be requested with Federal Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, and the Federal Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jim Flaherty;

And that copies of this report and resolution be forwarded to MP's and MPP's representing lands within the Pickering Airport Site, and to the Region of York, Region of Durham, City of Pickering and Town of Uxbridge, and to the Rouge Park Alliance;

And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

March 2011

March 22, 2011

That Council regrets the loss of the heritage dwelling at 11206 Reesor Road and reluctantly supports the demolition application; and

That Transport Canada (Pickering Airport Lands) be contacted and again reminded of Markham's Council desire to have heritage buildings on the Pickering Airport Lands repaired, maintained and re-tenanted to preserve these local heritage resources as opposed to the abandonment, boarding and neglect of these buildings; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Member of Parliament Paul Calandra, Oak Ridges-Markham and further,

That that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.