

Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 7, 2017

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

August 30, 2017

From:

Councillors Madoff & Thornton-Joe

Subject:

Demolition of Heritage Registered Property Located at 1525 Shasta Place

BACKGROUND

The property at 1525 Shasta Place is located in Rockland and is a Heritage Registered property. It is not designated, and is not located in a Heritage Conservation Area. Designed by architect William Ridgway, and built in 1904, it served as a stable / coach house to accommodate carriages and horses for occupants of the main residence that was demolished in the late 1950s. The stable / coach house is the only remaining structure of one of Victoria's great estates known as *The Leasowes*. The building was converted from a stable to a standalone residence in the 1950s and then restored in the 1980s. The building is not in public view from the street.

The City has received an application on the property which will be considered by the Board of Variance on September 14, 2017. If approved, the City would have to issue a demolition permit for the structure when the owner wished to proceed with the proposed re-development.

However, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, Council has the option to order temporary protection for no longer than 60 days to give detailed consideration to further long-term protection options for the property, and to support additional negotiations toward an appropriate resolution with the property owner. Given the significance of this property, it would appear appropriate to consider temporary protection.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to prepare a resolution directing staff to prepare a 60-day temporary protection order, without consent of the owner to allow Council to give detailed consideration for further long-term protection options for the property at 1525 Shasta Place and to negotiate an appropriate resolution with the property owner.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Madoff

Councillor Thornton-Joe

List of Attachments

- Attachment 1: Victoria Heritage Foundation Heritage Register Property Summary
- Attachment 2: Neighbourhood Correspondence