

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: MARIE E. JOHNSON HOUSE
7790 BULLER AVENUE**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize the removal of the Marie E. Johnson House, 7790 Buller Avenue from the Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory and approve issuance of a demolition permit application.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 2011 February 03, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council's authorization to remove the subject property from the Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory, and for issuance of a demolition permit for the Marie E. Johnson House.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Jordan
Chair

Councillor A. Kang
Vice Chair

Councillor R. Chang
Member

Copied to:	City Manager Director Planning & Building Director Engineering Chief Licence Inspector
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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2011 January 24

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **MARIE E. JOHNSON HOUSE**
7790 BULLER AVENUE

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to remove the subject property from the Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory, and for issuance of a demolition permit for the Marie E. Johnson House.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council be requested to authorize the removal of the Marie E. Johnson House, 7790 Buller Avenue from the Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory and approve issuance of a demolition permit application.

REPORT

At their meeting of 2006 November 02, the Community Heritage Commission received correspondence from the registered property owners of 7790 Buller Avenue, requesting the City's consideration for the protection of the Marie E. Johnson house and property as a City Heritage Site. The Commission authorized staff to include the property on Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory and work in cooperation with the property owners to prepare a report outlining the issues associated with protecting the Marie E. Johnson House under a Heritage Designation Bylaw and Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

The property is a heritage residence located in the historic neighbourhood of Burnaby's south slope area known as Alta Vista. The existing Craftsman-style bungalow on the property was built by Marie E. Johnson in 1921. It features a raised foundation, a front gabled roof, triangular eave brackets and an open front porch with tapered square columns resting on granite piers. Unique features of this home are the decorative cut shingles in the gables and elaborate decorative porch brackets (see *attachment* #1).

Following the Commission's approval of the report in 2006, the property owners chose not to complete a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the City. The property has since passed to the estate of the former owners, who have subsequently sold the property. The new owners do not wish to protect the residence under a Heritage Designation Bylaw or pursue a Heritage Revitalization Agreement and have applied to the Planning and Building Department for a demolition permit.

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In staff's view, the house is a significant neighbourhood heritage building; however, the protection of this privately-owned building would be difficult to achieve given the current owners stated interests. Further, the small size of the house and lot provides limited opportunity for any future development or subdivision to provide a sound economic basis for support of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement. Therefore, staff would advise that there does not appear to be a basis through variance of the prevailing R5 District zoning of the property that could adequately compensate the current property owner financially to undertake the conservation and retention of this heritage building.

With the concurrence of the Community Heritage Commission and Council staff would remove 7790 Buller Avenue from the Burnaby Heritage Register Inventory and process the requested demolition permit application.

B. Luksun, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

cc: City Manager
Director Engineering
Chief Building Inspector