

Item – New Business a) of Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee Minutes of April 5, 2016.

WHEREAS the proposed building does not comply with the Town of Newmarket's Official Plan for Main Street which limits building heights to three stories;

AND WHEREAS the proposed building does not comply with the Development Plan for the Heritage Conservation District;

AND WHEREAS the proposed underground parking consists of three levels and there is an underground watercourse beneath or adjacent to the proposed development and surrounding buildings resulting in the need for the installation of waterproofing and structural pylons and therefore the construction of the proposed development may cause a change in the natural underground watercourse and may cause damage to other buildings in the Heritage Conservation District;

AND WHEREAS many of the buildings in the surrounding area are built on rubble stone foundations, extensive excavation and construction may result in ancillary damage to other parts of those buildings;

AND WHEREAS currently Park Avenue is a narrow street which is frequently blocked by vehicular traffic, and the proposed main entrance and exit for the underground parking garage, together with the loading dock will add to an already stressed situation on Park Avenue considering that the Trinity United Church which is across the street also has handicapped parking/access onto Park Avenue opposite or in close vicinity to the underground garage entrance/exit and the loading dock and therefore, concerns arise regarding adequate turning radius and potential risks for moving vans and delivery trucks;

AND WHEREAS the proposed construction requires a land swap between the owner and the Town of Newmarket in order that it has the required number of parking spaces;

AND WHEREAS according to the building proposal submission, the facades of the buildings at 184, 188, 190 and 194 Main Street south of the former Post Office have not been preserved in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the streetscape and shadow study provided do not realistically show the potential impact on surrounding buildings such as the Trinity United Church, where the stained glass windows are worthy of protection, and businesses on the east side of Main Street where front windows may also be impacted;

AND WHEREAS the construction of this development may have a long term effect on public parking which may negatively impact the local merchants' ability to carry on business for an extended period of time;

AND WHEREAS the likelihood of precedent setting examples exist with this proposed rezoning application;

THEREFORE we, the members of the Heritage Newmarket Advisory Committee adamantly recommend that the Council of the Town of Newmarket reject this proposal.