
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2015 March 25

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 77000 20
Reference: Heritage Inventory

SUBJECT: NEIL AND SARAH SIMPSON RESIDENCE
5088 WILLINGDON AVENUE

PURPOSE: To advise the Community Heritage Commission of the owner's intent to demolish the subject property.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Community Heritage Commission receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

In February 2015, the owner of 5088 Willingdon Avenue made an application to the City for a permit to demolish the Neil and Sarah Simpson Residence, a building that is listed on the Burnaby Heritage Inventory. Constructed circa 1925, it is a typical modest scaled Craftsman house and was occupied by Neil Simpson, a sawyer, and his wife Sarah Margaret Simpson (see *Attachment 1* and *Sketch 1*, attached).

Planning Department staff presented the option to the owner to explore retention of the house through a Heritage Revitalization Agreement. However, upon reviewing the condition of the house and the financial resources required to conserve it under a Heritage Revitalization Agreement, the owner decided not to pursue this option, and has advised that an application will be made to the Planning and Building Department for a demolition permit.

In staff's view, the protection of this privately-owned building would be difficult to achieve given the owner's intent to demolish the house, and the limited opportunity for suitable redevelopment that would provide a sound economic basis to support a Heritage Revitalization Agreement for the conservation and retention of this heritage building.

Following the City's policy, and the concurrence of the Community Heritage Commission, staff would remove 5088 Willingdon Avenue from the Burnaby Heritage Inventory upon issuance of a demolition permit and process any future permit applications for the property in accordance with the prevailing civic bylaws.


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Attachments(2)

cc: Chief Building Inspector



Attachment 1

Neil and Sarah Simpson Residence (2013)
5088 Willingdon Avenue



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