

## HISTORIC SITES

# Meadowvale village may become a heritage district

**By JOHN STEWART**  
The village of Meadowvale may become one of the first areas in Ontario to be designated as a heritage conservation district.

A representative of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation explained the procedure Monday to the city's Local Architectural Conserva-

tion Advisory Committee (LACAC). Matthew Shuster said that the designation used for areas deemed to be of significant historical or architectural interest must be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board after the local council approves it.

Members of the committee were most anxious that public input be received from the village of Meadowvale, established in 1836, before any decision is made.

If Mississauga decides to consider Meadowvale for the heritage designation, a study of six months to a year in length will be undertaken to determine the area's historical value.

Three members of the LACAC group have already completed a report on Meadowvale recommending the designation. They want to see the area preserved as much as possible, although "infill" development would be allowed.

Under the heritage designation, the city could set architectural guidelines as to the height of buildings, height of cornices, etc.

"The designation can provide you with a strong base to preserve some buildings which could not be saved if it weren't part of a historic area," noted Shuster. He added that no heritage districts have been designated as yet in Ontario, although the village of Bayfield, the village of Bath and the city of Kingston are all making applications.

Professor Anthony Adamson, a leading Canadian architect who is a member of the LACAC group suggested that Mississauga would encounter much more difficulty than other areas with its designation because of the enormous pressures for growth.

# Anchorage renovation, move would cost \$218,000

The cost of renovating and moving the historic home known as The Anchorage in Clarkson is estimated at \$218,000.

That figure was presented Monday to a meeting of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. In a report, professor Anthony Adamson proposed several alternatives for the home which is now

located on the National Sewer Pipe lands on Lake Ontario. The Gulf refinery has offered the city almost an acre of land on Orr Road beside the historic Bradley House, where The Anchorage could be relocated.

The home, built by a Captain Skyner, was named after the offshore area where ships often weighed anchor in the late 19th Century.

Ward 2 Councillor Mary Helen Spence suggested the city approve the complete renovation as its ultimate goal, but satisfy itself initially with getting the home moved and put on a new foundation, with the exterior fixed up. That would cost an estimated \$95,000.

Mrs. Spence proposed a fund-raising campaign by industries and residents in the area to contribute to the renovations. The city may also apply for a Winario grant to cover one third of the cost.

Margaret Lawrence of the Toronto Township Historical Foundation said Bradley House was revamped largely through volunteer help. "There are still a lot of people who

would be willing to help," she suggested. Councillor Frank Leavers of Port Credit questioned whether the city could afford the entire \$218,000 cost. If Mississauga spends the money on The Anchorage, there might not be funds to fix up other historical sites, he felt.

Russell Cooper, a committee member, suggested that moving the home was the key thing "even if it takes three or four years to renovate it." He suggested school classrooms or service clubs might take a renovation of various rooms in the household as special projects.

# Historic-home status 'meant to help owner'

**By JOHN STEWART**  
People living in the 12 homes which the city wants to designate as historic sites should not be worried because "it is meant to be helpful to the owner."

Anthony Adamson, a former University of Toronto architectural professor, told the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) Monday that people may have unwarranted fears of the historic designation. "It's no real worry," he contended. He said it would

make no more difference to another owner than a hydro easement across part of his land. The 12 sites are to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. Council has indicated its intention to name the homes and the owners are to be officially notified. If they have no objections, a bylaw approving the designations can be passed within 30 days.

If there is any objection, a hearing must be conducted by the provincial Conservation Review Board. The city will then have to justify the reasons for its designations. The designation may help person who did not realize he owns a historic property, Adamson said. It would then serve as notice that any renovations could damage the nature of the home.

Because of the significance of the homes, some renovations might be financed through public agencies if the owner cannot afford the upkeep, he added. Despite his feeling that the designation is a positive factor for owners, Adamson said he expected the city would get objections filed with it.

The designation also gives the city a breathing period of 180 days should the owner request a demolition permit. If no accommodation with the owner can be reached after that period, and the house cannot be acquired then the demolition takes place.

Councillor Mary Helen Spence said many owners would probably feel proud that their homes have been chosen as a historical sites. Professor Tom McIlwraith of Erindale College felt that the publicity given to the homes would inevitably mean that the owners would have to suffer some degree of interest from the public. However, he suggested there would be little more inconvenience than cars slowing down in

front of the homes to take a closer look. Dr. S. A. Holling told the LACAC group that the city should do everything possible to explain the purpose of the historical designation and relieve the fears of private owners.

The committee passed a motion endorsing ultimate renovation of the land, recommending the home be moved to the Gulf property and asking that a public fund raising campaign to involve residents and local industries be undertaken.

# Firefighters to vote on pact offer

City firemen will vote on Mississauga's offer of a 6.6 per cent pay raise later this week.

Elliott Hastings of the firefighters' Local 1212 says the membership, numbering just over 240, will vote sometime this week on the city's last offer.

If the membership rejects the 6.6 per cent offer, as it did earlier, then the matter will go to a board of arbitration. City council has decided not to go above the figure recommended by their staff under Anti-Inflation Board guidelines.

All other outstanding issues between the parties have been resolved and a final draft of a memorandum of agreement on those items will be signed.

Even should the firemen win at a Board of Arbitration hearing, they would still have to convince the AIB of the value of their raises. The union believes that it can do this because of its historical relationship of parity with Metro firefighters and Peel policemen.

If the city's offer were accepted, a first-class firefighter would have an income \$210 below a first-class police constable. Firemen now enjoy parity. Police officers received an eight per cent increase this year.

**Talks start**  
Negotiations are under way between Mississauga and its 250 transit employees whose contract expires at the end of this month.

Negotiators for Mississauga and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1572 have met twice in preliminary discussions.

The union presented a list of requests and the city replied with an offer presented last Friday. Both sides met yesterday to continue discussions.

Barry Hindson of Local 1572 says the union has some serious reservations about the "package deal" offered by Mississauga. After some issues are clarified, the offer will be put to the membership.

As well as wages, one of the primary concerns of the union are the city's rules and regulations, especially involving suspension.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**  
Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga on the 13th day of June, 1977, decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as the "Rowe House", located at 117 Queen Street North (Part of Lot 7, Conc. 4 WHS), as a property of historical value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

**SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:**  
The "Rowe House" is recommended for designation on architectural grounds in that it is an elegant Regency "Cottage" with interesting stick treillage on the front verandah. The brick arched drive shed provides additional interest. Historically it was built in the 1840's by Christopher Rowe, the owner of Alpha Mills in the former Town of Streetsville.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of June 22nd, 1977.

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