



**Report**  
**Staff Report**  
 The Corporation of the City of Brampton  
 3/19/2024

**Date:** 2024-02-20

**Subject:** Heritage Report And Commemoration Plan- 1524 Countryside Drive – Ward 9

**Contact:** Anastasia Abrazhevich, Assistant Heritage Planner, Integrated City Planning

**Report Number:** Planning, Bld & Growth Mgt-2024-189

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report from Anastasia Abrazhevich, Assistant Heritage Planner, Integrated City Planning, dated February 20, 2024, to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of March 19, 2024, re: **Heritage Report And Commemoration Plan- 1524 Countryside Drive – Ward 9** be received.

**OVERVIEW:**

- The Lower Mayfield Schoolhouse was constructed in 1873 and demolished in 2010.
- While the Lower Mayfield Schoolhouse was not designated under Part (IV of the OHA the property was evaluated and found to have Cultural Heritage Value heritage value. However, it was demolished due to bad property conditions and heavy alterations prior to acquisition by the City of Brampton.
- A Structural Inspection and Evaluation Report for the Former Mayfield School was completed and presented to the June 15, 2021 Heritage Board Meeting. The demolition of the building was supported and it was recommended that mitigation would focus on historical commemoration on the site or nearby with salvage of key elements.
- As a condition of the demolition, the City retained the c.1873 datestone of the school with a requirement that any future development meaningfully integrate this element into the site.

- **Somerville Planning was retained by Habitat for Humanity GTA to create a heritage commemoration plan and strategy for the proposed development at 1524 Countryside Drive. The intention of the strategy is to provide a commemoration strategy that is engaging, modern, and provides opportunities for placemaking.**

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Lower Mayfield Schoolhouse was assessed for heritage value in 2006 and was included on the Brampton Heritage Register as a Listed Property. The property was assessed and identified by the City of Brampton and identified as a Class B heritage property. The intersection between Dixie Road and Countryside Drive has long been associated with education and schooling of rural children with three schoolhouses previously located around the area.

The Lower Mayfield Schoolhouse No. 14 (demolished in 2010) serviced a very large school district. The original structure was a gable-roofed one-room schoolhouse which included a gable-roofed vestibule containing a six over six sash windows. It was the only remaining brick schoolhouse in Chinguacousy Township.

The structure had significant design value relating to its exterior finishes. However, the building was in a severely deteriorated state, and agreement was reached that the building would not be conserved.

The Lower Mayfield School has direct association with the critical role of schoolhouses to provide education in rural communities. These were often among the first structures built during the earliest phases of colonial settlements and were important in establishing a community identity. Contextually, the Lower Mayfield School played an important role in defining and supporting the rural character of the area and was linked to its development. The building served as a visual landmark until its removal in 2010. The Lower Mayfield School c.1873 datestone is proposed to be integrated into the west entry pillar of the walkway with the plaque stand located immediately to the pillar as shown in Appendix A.

## **CURRENT SITUATION:**

The proposed Commemoration Plan for 1524 Countryside Drive provides the community and residents with the opportunity to view and engage with the associative historic value of Mayfield School, its relationship with rural education and the physical evolution of the community.

Two scales of interaction are integrated into the proposed strategy. First, the c. 1873 datestone is proposed to be integrated into the western portion of the acoustic wall and will be clearly visible to pedestrians. The second is an interpretative plaque that includes a picture of the schoolhouse and a brief description of its history.

The datestone provides a physical fragment on which to build an interpretation strategy that embodies the cultural heritage value associated with the site.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

### **Financial Implications:**

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

## **STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:**

The approval of the Commemoration Plan noted within this report supports the Culture & Diversity Focus Area. The Commemoration Plan therein facilitate the conservation of a unique heritage resource that contributes to the understanding of Brampton's early history and helps create a sense of placemaking, belonging, and community identity.

## **CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the **Interpretation Plan and Strategy, 1524 Countryside Drive– Ward 9** be received by the Brampton Heritage Board as being complete.

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1** – Interpretation Plan and Strategy, dated January 19, 2024

**Attachment 2**-Built Heritage Resource and Cultural Heritage Landscape Assessment,  
dated October 2008

**Attachment 3**- Brampton Heritage Board Minutes dated June 15, 2010

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