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Subject: **Heritage Impact Assessment, Snelgrove Baptist Church, 12061 Hurontario Street, Brampton, ON, dated March 16, 2022**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Merissa Lompart, Assistant Heritage Planner; Planning, Building, and Economic Development, March 16, 2022, to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of March 22, 2022, **RE: Heritage Impact Assessment, Snelgrove Baptist Church, 12061 Hurontario Street, Brampton, ON, dated March 16, 2022** by Giamo Architects be received;
2. That the Brampton Heritage Board approve the recommendations outlined in the Heritage Impact Assessment by Giamo Architects. Those recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Pursue the recommendation of Ruinification and symbolic conservation of the Snelgrove Baptist Church heritage building. This allows retention of the building in-situ, that the subject building is under-utilized, and that the exterior condition is degrading.
 - b. This proposed strategy includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Stabilization work;
 - ii. Removing select interior finishes;
 - iii. Disconnecting services, e.g. water;
 - iv. Removing the front vestibule, salvaging the bricks for on-site reuse and salvaging the primary door;
 - v. Removing the window frames and glazing;
 - vi. A blind window approach where openings can be potentially infilled;
 - vii. Initially retaining the roof but eventually removing or replacing it: the basement could potentially be filled, and alternate drainage provided if it were removed.
 - c. To complete this approach, the following is recommended:
 - i. A conservation plan related to the ruinification approach to address issues such as stabilization and adjacent landscaping;

- ii. Heritage permit and documentation as required by the City of Brampton;
- iii. Thorough documentation of the existing condition prior to any work;
- iv. Commemoration plan, which at minimum would include a heritage interpretive plaque;
- v. An exterior lighting plan;
- vi. Periodic site review of the roof, and;
- vii. Periodic site review of structure by a heritage-specialized structural engineer.

Overview:

- **12061 Hurontario Street was designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in 2018**
- **This Heritage Impact Assessment was required by the City of Brampton's Heritage Impact Assessment Terms of Reference after the Church of Archangel Michael and St. Tekla filed an official demolition request. As part of the requirements of the request, they presented to the Brampton Heritage Board in late 2020 with their request.**
- **12061 Hurontario Street meets Designation criteria under Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act under Design/Physical Value and Historical/Associative Value.**

Background:

The Snelgrove Baptist Church was built in 1904 and opened in 1905 as the third iteration of a Baptist church in the village of Snelgrove. The original name for the village located at the crossroads of Hurontario Street North and Mayfield Road was Edmonton, but when the Canadian National Railway was built, confusion arose between Edmonton in Alberta, and Edmonton in Ontario. The Snell family were well known cattle farmers in that area, and after discussion their name was used to rename the village to Snelgrove.

The congregation reached its peak in 1914, and steadily declined after that, in part to the two World Wars. The church closed its doors in 1946 and reopened for a short time in 1959, but was forced to close them again soon after. After changing a few hands, the Church of Archangel Michael and St. Tekla purchased the church in 1992, and originally used it for their growing congregation.

In 2009, a Site Plan Application was filed with the City of Brampton for a new church, adjacent to the current Snelgrove Church. This was approved with the conditions that the Snelgrove Church was to be restored. In 2017, another Site Plan Application was filed, and the same Site Plan Conditions were carried onto this new Site Plan. The Church of Archangel Michael and St. Tekla completed a Conservation Plan in 2018 which was authored by Strickland Mateljan Design + Architecture. No physical work has been completed on the church to date.

Current Situation:

Giamo Architects was retained by the Church of Archangel Michael and St. Tekla to complete a Heritage Impact Assessment for the Snelgrove Church to satisfy requirement 2.1 in the City of Brampton Terms of Reference for Heritage Impact Assessments; “Any property listed or designated in the municipal heritage register, pursuant to Section 27 (1.1) or (1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act that is facing possible demolition.”

Heritage Staff recommend this report to the Brampton Heritage Board as it meets the City of Brampton’s Terms of Reference for Heritage Impact Assessments.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

None.

Other Implications:

None.

Term of Council Priorities:

None.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the **Heritage Impact Assessment, Snelgrove Baptist Church, 12061 Hurontario Street, Brampton, ON, dated March 16, 2022** by Giamo Architects be received by the Brampton Heritage Board as being complete.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Heritage Impact Assessment for the Snelgrove Baptist Church by Giamo Architects.