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**To the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Barrie
To Members of Heritage Barrie**

I am the owner of the property at 47 Rodney Street which is protected under the Ontario Heritage Act by Bylaw 90-323. This letter is an application to receive the Consent of Council to demolish/remove a north shed that abuts the north end of the 1849 house and the south end of the 1915 barn. It is also an application to receive the Consent of Council to allow the property to be altered by the replacement of this shed and construction of an east side porch.

Part of this shed may date to 1849. It suffered fire damage in 1915. The previous long term owner modified it by adding recycled windows and doors, reworking the interior layout, pouring a concrete slab on grade foundation, replacing a wall with concrete block, and applying clapboard and wallboard as interior cladding. Unfortunately, this shed is now posing a safety risk due to the failing roof and cracking concrete foundation slab. It is collapsing and should be demolished and replaced with a similar structure that maintains the historic integrity of this property.

It is my intention to remove this shed through careful dismantling and photographic recording. I am curious as to its original configuration and am hopeful that there will be evidence of its earlier form and layout. Whatever I discover will be considered in the design of the replacement structure, with necessary modifications to meet the Ontario Building Code and intended use.

In addition to replacing the shed, a mid 20th century enclosure containing the basement entrance will be enlarged. Due to problems with snow accumulation, the area between this enlarged basement enclosure and the centre door enclosure of the house will become an open porch. The photographs provided explain the existing condition of the shed and the intent of new construction.

As Council's Consent is needed before the dismantling and examination of the shed can begin and thus before the drawings for the replacement can commence, Council's consideration of this application would be appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely



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Above: West side facades. Barn is on left, abutting shed to be removed in centre, 1849 house on right. The clapboard cladding on shed was added 10 years ago to cover a section of concrete block on left and frame with asbestos board on right. The foundation is concrete slab on grade.

Below: Join of abutting shed and house walls at house eave. The new shed will have a slightly elongated roof pitch but will still be below the eave of house. The rusted metal roofing on the shed is about 1915.



East façade showing L-R: house, 20th century enclosure of centre hall doorway, original window, 20th century enclosure of basement stairway, shed.

The replacement shed will have similar massing and appearance as existing. The 20th century enclosure of the basement stairway will be enlarged to align with the east facade of the shed. The area between the basement enclosure and the centre hall doorway enclosure will become an open porch. This is needed to push away the excessive snow accumulation in this area (as shown next page).



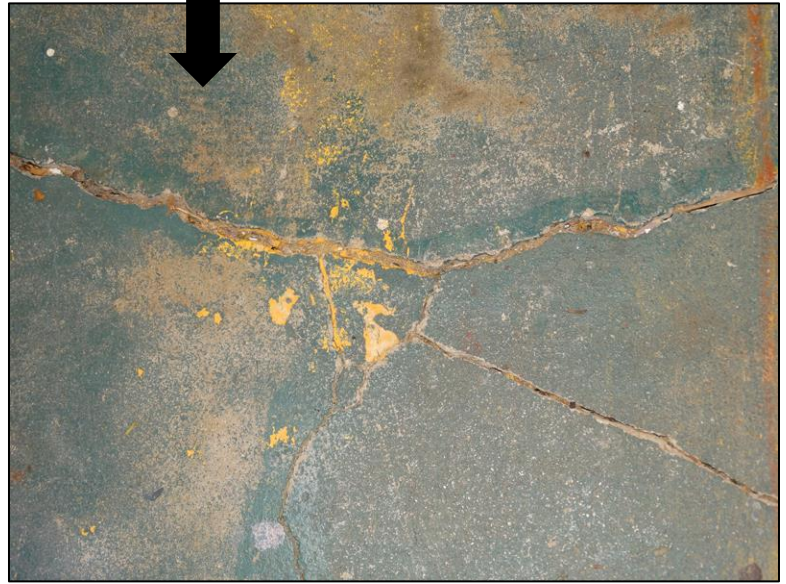
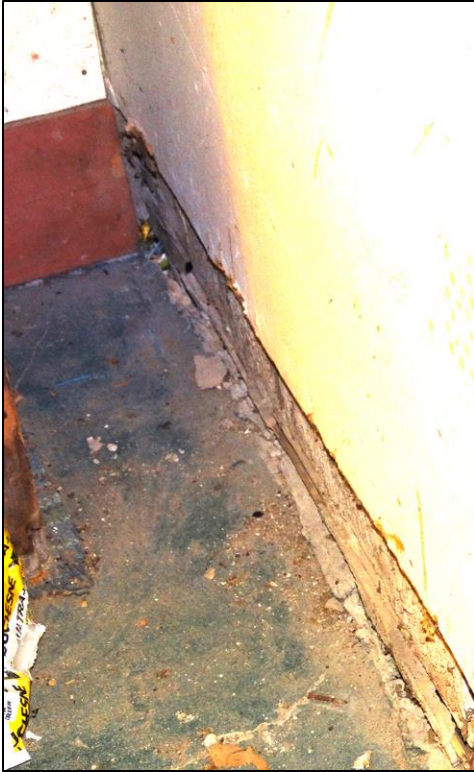
Looking north toward basement enclosure and south end of shed from inside centre doorway enclosure. Snow accumulation is due to slippery metal roof panels on the house. The snow blocks the doorway (as shown) and results in water in the basement.



Above: Inside west side hallway of shed showing the mid 20th century concrete block wall repair on left. The double plank doors are not original to 1849.



Left: Inside mid 20th century basement enclosure. This will be enlarged to allow for a stairway that meets Code.



Above left: Concrete foundation slab is sinking and pulling away from shed wall where it abuts the house. Daylight is now visible starting from the east corner (as shown by arrow).

Above right: Cracks are developing as concrete foundation slab sinks.

Below: Charred roofing boards and rafters with repair after 1915 barn fire. Rafter centres are about 30" (do not meet Code). Some areas of the roof are only clad by the exterior metal sheeting (no interior sheeting boards). The ceiling inside the shed leaks as a result of the deteriorating roof.

