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MEMORANDUM

TO:Chair and members of the Heritage Advisory CommitteeFROM:Maggie Holm, Planner IIIDATE:April 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Request to register 851 Young Avenue, Halifax as a municipal heritage property

On April 5th heritage staff received an application requesting heritage registration for a property located at 851 Young Avenue. The application was not made by the owner, and it is unclear if the property owner is aware that the application has been made.

On April 18th heritage staff attended a public meeting organized by the area Councillor to discuss residents' concerns with the redevelopment of this property, but also relative to concerns about possible redevelopment of other properties on Young Avenue.

It is unusual that someone other than the owner has made a request to register, however the *Heritage Property Act* does not preclude it. The *Act* requires that all registered owners be given notice of their opportunity to speak to Council on the matter at the time that Council makes a decision. In the interests of due diligence staff will notify the owner that the application has been made.

Presently there are three other heritage registration requests scheduled to proceed ahead of this application. Additionally, there are other reports and projects which require staff resource. Therefore, it is anticipated that heritage staff could have a report before the HAC over the summer months. This report would include background history for the property, and the Evaluation Criteria, so the HAC may evaluate the request for registration. HAC is required to review the historical background information as an aid to scoring the property using the Evaluation Criteria.