



Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

c/o Rick Schofield, Chairman

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Toronto Preservation Board,
c/o Colleen O'Neill, Committee Clerk,
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March 20th, 2009

To members of the Board;

re: Stonehouse/Lawrence dwelling, proposed verandah restoration

At a meeting of the Scarborough Community Preservation Committee held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2009, the panel discussed the proposed reconstruction of an historic verandah on the east facade of the designated Stonehouse/Lawrence house.

The property owner indicated by previous correspondence, that he had been successful in obtaining a City restoration grant to cover part of the costs and had completed the necessary drawings for the reconstruction of the verandah which had been demolished decades earlier.

It has been suggested that the roof of the verandah be constructed of lead coated copper in a board and baton style similar to verandah roof material found in a few other, more elegant structures in Ontario.

The committee expressed concern over the use of lead and the use of a metal material on the roof which was not typical of farm dwellings in the local, rural area.

The Scarborough Archives has provided the committee with a historic picture of the original verandah on this dwelling and it appears clear that the roof was more likely constructed of wood board and baton materials, possibly cedar strips, which was much more common in rural Scarborough at that time. Other Scarborough dwellings with similar roofed porches had curved wooden strips of this nature.

Therefore, **the Scarborough Community Preservation panel, recommends that the proposed restoration of the verandah include a wood roof covering** and that staff be so advised such that restoration of the porch is not unduly delayed further, as the owner has been unable to proceed as the contractor awaits approval.

respectfully

Rick Schofield
Chair

