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## Heritage Permit Application

EFI Global File No.: 9496 6034 7028

November 11, 2021

Original Building Permit: 20 197441 00 R9: Impact Damage – Accessory Structure

Peter McMillan

Loss Location: 124 St. Clair Avenue, Hamilton, ON

Date of Loss: October 8, 2020

Claim No.: 4033598100

Prepared For:

City of Hamilton

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## INTRODUCTION:

EFI Global Canada (EFI) was retained by Intact Insurance to assist with a heritage permit for an accessory structure located on the subject address.

We attended site on October 29, 2021 for the purpose of conducting our inspection and reviewing restoration. For the purpose of directional reference, the front of the building is presumed to face due east, toward St. Clair Avenue. We have included an appendix illustrating photographs from our assessment. We have included the original building permit drawings which illustrate a site plan of the property.

## BACKGROUND:

The incident building was a detached, single storey accessory building (Photograph 1). The building was constructed using dimensionally framed lumber.

The subject structure was damaged by a tree impact occurrence in October of 2020. EFI global was retained to provide drawings and apply for permit to repair the structure. A permit (Permit No. 20 197441 00 R9) was issued by the City of Hamilton on January 29, 2021. Original repairs for the structure did not include removal and replacement of the front brick masonry.

It was reported to EFI Global in August of 2021 that repairs to the building included replacement of brick masonry along the front face of the building.

The following document serves as a retroactive permit application to accept repairs of the front façade of the accessory structure within the subject address.

## INSPECTION:

### October 20, 2020

The front façade of the accessory structure consisted of a brown brick installed between door openings. This brick was a type of "Meridian Brick - Heritage Brown" and approximately 36 square feet of brick was installed along the front façade. Images of the original brick have been appended for review (photographs 1-2). At the time of inspection, the structure was damaged. Review of the brick consistency, color and texture provided evidence the brick is not original to the structure / property. The observed brick was a

popular type of brick in the 1970s – 1980s. The brick did not match the brick currently on the primary residential structure, which appears to be original to the building (photograph 3). Further, the method of installation of the accessory structure's original brick is not consistent with historical construction since the brick is installed in a "veneer" type application with the brick being tied back to the superstructure. While not confirmed by EFI Global, it was reported by the installing contractor, ProBert Construction Inc. that the brick was overhanging the supporting foundation by a substantial amount of brick thickness.

October 29, 2021

The new front façade brick was installed using "Indiana Split Veneer Limestone". The veneer was approximately 1" thick and was installed using wire mesh lathe backing. Images of the new front façade have been provided (photographs 4-5). As confirmed by the installing contractor, ProBert Construction Inc., the reasoning for choosing the installed materials was that the material was thinner than the original and could be better supported by the foundation. Further, the new material closely matched the existing primary structure's foundation walls. Additional fascia installation, trim and painting was also performed for the building.

It is unclear why a heritage permit was not applied for prior to conducting the work along the front of the structure. However, it is suspected that the installing contractor is not located in the Hamilton region and would not be aware of any heritage permit requirements. EFI Global was not aware that construction of new materials along the front face of the building occurred until after installation. Further clarification would need to be made by the homeowner and the installing contractor with respect to not obtaining heritage approval.

**CLOSURE:**

We trust that this letter report meets your immediate requirements with respect to heritage application. Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Sneek  
Professional Engineer



Richard E. Nellis  
Senior Reviewer

## **APPENDIX A**

### Photographs from Examination



Image 1: Front of Building – Original Brick (October 20, 2020)



Photograph 2: Front Elevation - Original Brick (October 20, 2020)



Photograph 3: Property (October 20, 2020)



Photograph 4: New Wall Application (October 29, 2021)



Photograph 5: New Wall Application Close-up (October 29, 2021)

# SITE PLAN FOR 124 ST CLAIR AVE, HAMILTON

REPAIRS TO DAMAGED GARAGE ARE IN PLACE, WITH 1-1 REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED 4-5 ROOF RAFTER TAILS



**Reviewed for Ontario Building Code Compliance.**

Subject to Corrections Noted on Plans and Field Inspections.

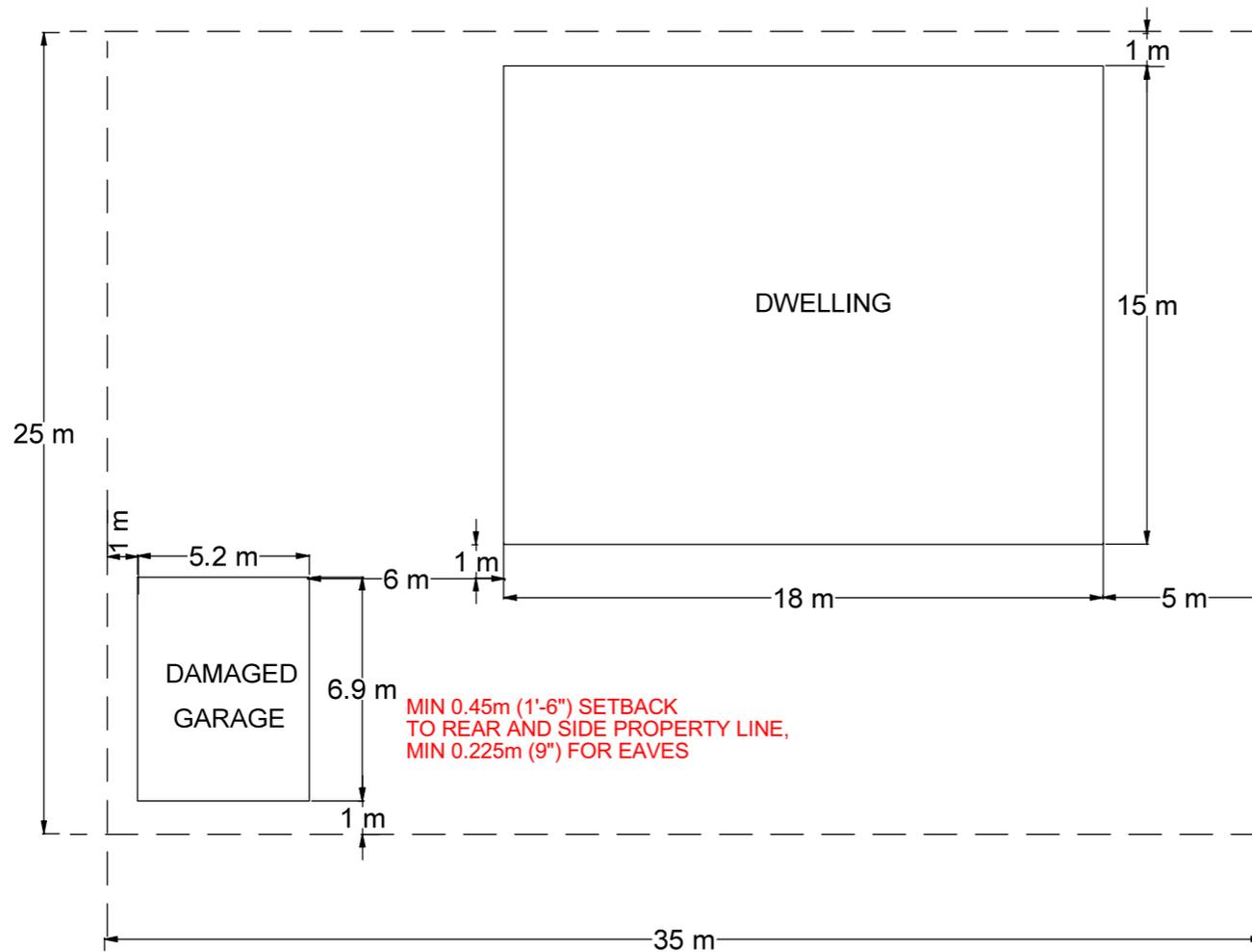
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Date: 01/29/21

Name: Julie Facey-Crowther

Approved by:

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ST CLAIR AVE



**SAME SIZE, SAME LOCATION, SAME VOLUME**