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KERR LOG HOUSE

For those who may not be conversant with the history, here is a brief summary:

- The Kerr Log House is one of a small number of 1840s squared log, two storey houses left in Caledon.
- It was dismantled and donated to the Town in 2001; since then it has been stored under tarpaulins in Public Works Yard 3.
- Once reconstructed, the house merits designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- In 2007, the Caledon Heritage Foundation retained ERA Architects to conduct a Redevelopment Feasibility study. As was reported to Council, this study recommended that the KLH be reconstructed on the Town Hall campus in Caledon East for use as a multi-purpose public facility.
- The preferred site for the KLH was subsequently allocated for the new OPP station, requiring the CHF to explore other options.
- In April 2011, because of concerns about the condition of the logs in storage, Tony Jenkins, Restoration Contractor, inspected the logs and he reported that there had been no significant deterioration in their condition.
- Late in 2011 discussions commenced regarding reconstruction of the KLH at the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF) on Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) lands.
- In the spring of 2012, the AHCF board approved support for using KLH as the farm house at AHCF.
- Also in the spring 2012, the CHF board approved a motion to recommend to Caledon Council that ownership of the KLH be transferred from the Town to TRCA for use of the building by AHCF as its farm residence.
- With the transfer of ownership, the Town will have no financial obligations in either the reconstruction process or ongoing maintenance of the KLH. These costs will be born by CHF (engineering and reconstruction) and AHCF (reconstruction and ongoing maintenance).

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Kerr Log House Prior to 2001 Dismantling



Proposed Location of Kerr Log house on Albion Hills Community Farm