

Re: Well 5/5A, Orangeville

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Fri 1/14/2022 3:53 PM

To: Alexandra Graham <agraham@orangeville.ca>

Hi Alexandra

Thanks for following up.

I was also in touch with some historical railway specialists. They are definite that the foundations on top of that hill are not railway related. The foundation is almost twice the size of a foundation for a railway tank. Land registry docs shows that the railway never owned that property. And the clincher is that the railway line to the north of the Well 5/5A property is on an incline and no train would ever stop there. The foundation is the remains of the municipal water supply for the Town of Orangeville - probably built in the 1930's. It's been a long-standing Orangeville mythology that it was train-related, but that is now debunked.

Maybe this additional information for the committee will be of some use.

Much appreciated.

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On Jan 14, 2022, at 3:36 PM, Alexandra Graham <agraham@orangeville.ca> wrote:

Hi Allan,

I just wanted to touch base with you about the December Committee meeting. Heritage Orangeville does not have any feedback with regards to the historical elements found at Well 5/5 A, at this time. Our staff is looking into whether a proposed development is intended, and the Committee may have some comments if that's the case.

Thank you and happy new year,

From: Allan Morton <allan@bluestonerresearch.org>

Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 11:28 AM

To: Alexandra Graham <agraham@orangeville.ca>

Subject: Re: Well 5/5A, Orangeville

Hello Alex

I really appreciate that. And thank you also for the contact for OBRAG.

I would love to attend the meeting, but I will be out of the country.

Many thanks

Allan

On Dec 10, 2021, at 8:58 AM, Alexandra Graham <agraham@orangeville.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your email, Allan. I'm including the attachment and your message in the next agenda. I'll follow up after the meeting regarding the Committee's feedback. Should you like to join the meeting, please let me know and I can send you an e-invite. The meeting takes place Thursday December 16th at 7PM.

Additionally, the contact person for ORDC / OBRA inquiries is Andrea Shaw, and she can be reached at ashaw@orangeville.ca (also cc'd on this email).

Wishing you a great weekend, and if you have any further questions don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

From: Allan Morton <allan@bluestoneresearch.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 2:38 PM

To: Alexandra Graham <agraham@orangeville.ca>

Subject: Well 5/5A, Orangeville

Hello Alex

Very nice speaking with you this afternoon. I hope that you can include the note below in the next meeting of the Heritage Committee. Also, you mentioned that you could provide the contact information for the Orangeville Brampton Rail Access Group Inc.

Bluestone Research was contracted by the Town of Orangeville to assess the significance of historic railroad infrastructure and municipal well facilities that may be affected by future developments. This email is being sent to you for your feedback, expression of interest, if you disagree with their removal and/or if you can provide any additional information.

During an archaeological assessment of the Town of Orangeville Well 5/5A property located at 553032 County Road 16 (Veterans Way), Orangeville, historic foundation remains were identified. The foundation is the support structure for a tank used to supply water to trains on the Orangeville Brampton Railway. There is no documentation available referring to its construction. Maps indicate that it was built prior to 1937. It may be as old as 1880's.

Also, there are two additional municipal well facilities structures on the property that were built prior to 1937. They both appear to have been substantially altered and rebuilt.

None of these structures are recognized, registered or designated on any federal, provincial, or municipal heritage list. Please see the attached Cultural Heritage Screening Report that shows location and current condition.

Again, please advise if your group has any interest in these structures, may disagree with their removal and if you can provide any additional information.

Many thanks

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