

Homeowner hopeful buyers will preserve historic Horton Place

By Brock Weir

A sold sign has finally been put out in front of the historic Horton Place on Yonge Street at Irwin Avenue.

The yellow-brick home, which was one of the three properties at the centre of an aborted plan to create a multi-million dollar heritage park with the two properties to its immediate north, including the Hillary House National Historic Site, has a closing date at the end of July.

Although homeowner John McIntyre did not disclose the buyers of the property, he did confirm they are business owners who intend to preserve the heritage structure while converting it for limited office use and potentially residential as well. They have already asked me if I would consider selling certain pieces of furniture and providing them with historic photographs of the building so that they can retain some of that atmosphere of the building, says Mr. McIntyre.

That, to me, is a sign they are owners who are not just interested in buying the land for development and I am glad that is the case.

Many interested parties simply looked at the property as a chunk of land to be redeveloped, he adds, and finding a buyer with a mind to its history was important to him.