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October 3, 2019

**Via Registered Mail**

Jim Leonard  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act**

The Council of the City of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter O.18, Part IV:

James Campbell House  
2 Wismer Place  
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on November 4, 2019** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham  
Attention: Mary-Jane Courchesne  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
Email: [mjcour@sympatico.ca](mailto:mjcour@sympatico.ca)

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

## Appendix 'A'

### Statement of Significance

#### James Campbell House

2 Wismer Place  
c.1865

The James Campbell House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

##### Description of Property

The James Campbell House is a relocated heritage building at the south-west corner of Wismer Place and Heritage Corners Lane in Markham Heritage Estates, a community of relocated heritage buildings. The James Campbell House is a one-and-a-half storey board and batten-clad frame building.

##### Historical and Associative Value

This house was constructed as a rental property by leading Markham businessman and blacksmith, John Jerman, in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. James Campbell, the original occupant of the house, was a Scottish-born shoemaker who lived in the house with his wife Sarah (Turner) Campbell and their ten children. The family lived here from 1865 to 1891. Their eldest son, Robert, was a carpenter/wagonmaker who opened the Robert Campbell Furniture Store and Undertaker on Markham's Main Street in the former General Store and Post Office owned by Archibald Barker.

##### Design and Physical Value

The James Campbell House, c.1865, is a good example of a pre-Confederation village residence, suited to the modest needs of one of the many tradesmen that lived in Markham Village during the time of the community's prominence as a regional centre for manufacturing. The board and batten-sided building is a simple vernacular dwelling, designed with the influence of the Georgian architectural tradition.

##### Contextual Value

The James Campbell House has contextual value as a restored building from 26 Albert Street in Markham Village, relocated in 2014 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to development. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

##### Significant Architectural Attributes to be Conserved

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of the James Campbell House include:

- The overall form of the original house, with its rectangular plan, existing door and window openings, and one and a half storey height;
- Original wood board and batten siding, with replica battens;
- Natural fieldstone foundation facing;
- Original, beaded edged wood trim around door and window openings;
- Gable roof with overhanging eaves, with wood shingles, wood soffits and fascia boards and replica single-stack brick chimney at the east gable end;
- Replica 6/6 wood windows on the ground floor
- Original 6/6 wood windows on the second floor;
- Replica 4 panelled wood entrance door on the front wall;