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October 6, 2016

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:

Tomlinson-Gates House
7790 Ninth Line
Markham, ON

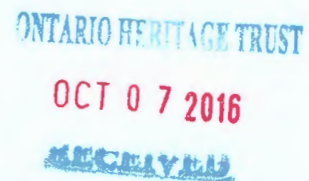
Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham
Attention: Judy Carroll
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

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

Yours truly

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk



Appendix 'A'

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tomlinson - Gates House

c.1880

Lot 2, Part Lot 3, Block C, Plan 19

Part of Lot 5, Concession 8

7790 Ninth Line

The Tomlinson - Gates 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 Tomlinson - Gates House is a one and a half storey frame building located on the west side of Ninth Line, north of Fourteenth Avenue, within the historic hamlet of Box Grove.

Historical or Associative Value

The Tomlinson - Gates House is of historical and associative value as the c.1880 home of Simeon (Sim) Tomlinson, a member of a prominent founding family of the community of Sparta, later known as Box Grove. Sim Tomlinson, a life-long resident of the hamlet, was a farmer and market gardener. The house is of additional historical and associative value as the former home of Jonathan Gates, who acquired the Tomlinson property in the early 1890s. Gates was a butcher and Box Grove's first letter-carrier.

Design or Physical Value

The Tomlinson - Gates House is a good example of vernacular domestic village architecture of the third quarter of the 19th century. Changes that have been made to the building are easily readable and reversible. The L-shaped street view of the house, the steeply-pitched gable roof, one-and-a-half storey form, and decorative woodwork on the veranda are all hallmarks of the vernacular Gothic Revival, minus the pointed-arched windows and bargeboard generally associated with this mid to late Victorian style. The projecting front wing, presently containing a living room on the main floor, may have originally served as Jonathan Gates' butcher shop.

Contextual Value

The Tomlinson - Gates House is one of several nineteenth century buildings that remain within and help define the historic hamlet of Box Grove. It serves as a reminder of the agricultural community that formerly existed around the crossroads hamlet.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Tomlinson - Gates House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the main one and a half storey L-shaped block, and the one storey rear kitchen wing;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves;
- Front veranda with chamfered wood posts and decorative wooden fretwork brackets;;
- 2 over 2 wood windows where they remain;
- Original window and door openings where they remain;