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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE OLD TOWN HALL (FORMERLY THE TOWN CINEMA) LOCATED AT 96 MAIN STREET NORTH, MARKHAM, PART OF LOT 12, CONCESSION 7, IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham on the 26th day of February, 1985 passed a motion of intention to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as the Old Town Hall (formerly the Town Cinema) located at 96 Main Street North, Markham, Part of Lot 12, Concession 7, Markham, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

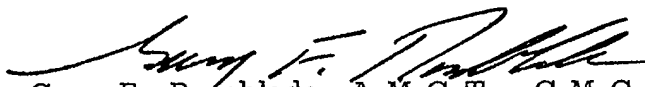
The Old Town Hall (1881) is recommended for designation for its historical significance in the political and social development of the Village of Markham.

For nearly 65 years the Town Hall was the focal point for the municipal affairs of the Village, as well as "the place" for meetings and entertainment. In 1892 Pauline Johnson, the well-known Canadian Indian poet, gave a recital of her work at the Town Hall.

The building is also recommended for designation for its architectural importance as an example of a municipal government building and a most ambitious project at that time given the size of the building and the limited population. The architecture of the building exhibits solid strength relieved by many fine architectural details such as the slender main floor Romanesque windows outlined by raised radiating voussoirs and joined by raised courses of string brick. The 'free standing' construction of the second floor is, to this day, considered an architectural feat.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty (30) days of the 13th day of March, 1985.

DATED at the Town of Markham this 13th day of March, 1985.


Gary F. Roseblade, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.
Town Clerk