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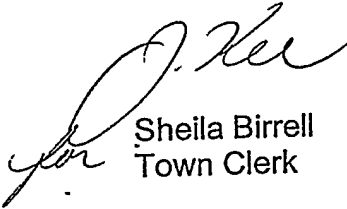
Dear Sirs:

Re: By-law 2003-154 & By-Law 2003-155 - Heritage Designation
The Levi B. Heise House - 2718 Elgin Mills Road
The Christian Heise House - 2730 Elgin Mills Road

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on May 27, 2003, passed By-law 2003-154 and By-law 2003-155, which designated The Levi B. Heise House - 2718 Elgin Mills Road, and The Christian Heise House - 2730 Elgin Mills Road, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-laws, with the pertinent registration data, are attached for your information. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning at 905-477-7000, Ext. 2080.

Sincerely,


Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

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c: R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Ontario Heritage Foundation

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BY-LAW 2003-154

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Levi B. Heise House

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Levi B. Heise House, 2718 Elgin Mills Road having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designations are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real properties, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Levi B. Heise House,
2718 Elgin Mills Road
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York
2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
27TH DAY OF MAY, 2003.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2003-154

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions
as follows:

PART LOT 26, CONCESSION 3

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2003-154

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The Levi B. Heise House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest containing the following heritage attributes.

Historical Attributes

The house located at 2718 Elgin Mills Road was built c.1887 on Lot 26, Concession 3, originally a crown grant patented by John Kennedy in Sept. of 1805. The Berczy Census of 1803 lists a John Canada (Kennedy?), age 30, as residing on the lot with his wife and son John. In Oct. of 1805 the entire 200 acre parcel was sold to Jacob Heise, and it remained in the Heise family for six generations.

The Heise family genealogy traces the ancestry back to Germany, where John Heise was born in 1700. His son, whose name was also John and daughter-in-law Barbara Yordy immigrated to Pennsylvania in the late 1700's, for what appears to be religious reasons. The group was referred to by several names: Brethren in Christ, Tunkards, Dunkards and River Brethren. A number of these Pennsylvania German families settled, before 1808, in the North West part of Markham Township, and in Vaughan. This area in Markham became known as Heise Hill. It was here that an early congregation was organized and Christian Heise became the first deacon. For sixty years the meetings were held in the homes of sixteen different families until 1877 when the Heise Hill church was built on Lot 32, Concession 3.

The 1851 census lists Jacob Heise Jr., son of Jacob Sr. residing on lot 26 with his wife Mary Stickle (Steckly) in a log cabin with their five children Nancy (28 years), twins Christian and Jacob (22 years), John (14 years), and Daniel (11 years). George McPhillips Map of 1853 illustrates the lot had been divided into the east 125 acres and the west, 75 acre. The assessment rolls of 1858 and 1859 note a considerable increase from one year to the next in the total value of the property of the east half. This would be a good indication that a house of considerable worth was probably constructed sometime in 1858 or early 1859. (The Christian Heise house) The Census of 1861 lists Christopher (sometimes referred to as Christian 1829-1908) and his wife Leah Rhodes (1824-1912) who raised their family of seven children here. Jacob and Mary continued to live in the log 1 1/2 storey dwelling on the West part of the lot.

It was C. Heise who, in 1875, developed a plan of subdivision for eleven village lots facing onto the Elgin Mills Side Road and the 3rd Concession Road (Victoria Square). There was a substantial jump in assessment value between 1875 and 1876 when the total value increased \$2000.00, which may have been a result of the recent plan of subdivision. It is believed the yellow brick house was constructed in 1887 for Levi B. Heise (1863-1956) and his new wife Alice A. Eyer (1868-1912) shortly after their marriage. Levi was the youngest son of Christian and Leah Heise and it was here that they raised four children.

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Architectural Attributes

This two storey house is of the Classic Revival Style of architecture. Built c.1876 on a "T" shaped plan the substantial dwelling is of yellow brick laid in a stretcher bond pattern. It sits on a foundation of fieldstone. The house is 4 bays across by 2 bays deep with a front facing gable on the west side. The roof is a medium pitch gable with plain boxed cornice. The main entrance is centrally located on the verandah and flanked by two windows of unequal proportions. The rectangular window openings are of 2/2 pane division, have radiating voussoirs and all but one at the rear seem to be original to the building. The long open verandah extends the width of three bays to the right side of the building.

The roof is bell cast and is supported by decorative turned columns connected by arched brackets. There is presently a shed attachment at the rear of the dwelling, which appears to have been a back verandah in enclave, which was later enclosed. The doors have plain wood trim with a blind transom and the windows have a moulded wood trim with lugsills. There is a single brick chimney located at the rear of the building.

Contextual Attributes

The Henry Heise house is of contextual significance for its association with the historic rural farming community in the North West of Markham. Together with the Christian Heise house to the west these houses share a common bond. That of the descendants of Jacob Heise one of the original Berczy settlers.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations;
2. All original exterior wood doors and storm doors on all elevations;
3. The original yellow brick;
4. The original roofline;
5. The original footprint of the house;
6. The form and notable components of the front verandah