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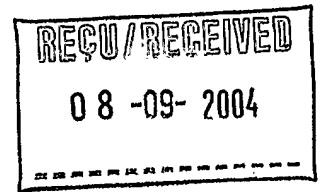
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**CONSERVATION REVIEW
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN PART LOT 1,
CONCESSION 6, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 4600 STEELES AVENUE EAST,
TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3
Attn: Catherine Axford, Chairman's Executive Assistant

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally as 4600 Steeles Avenue East, Markham, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part 1V of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of Milliken Public School, is attached.

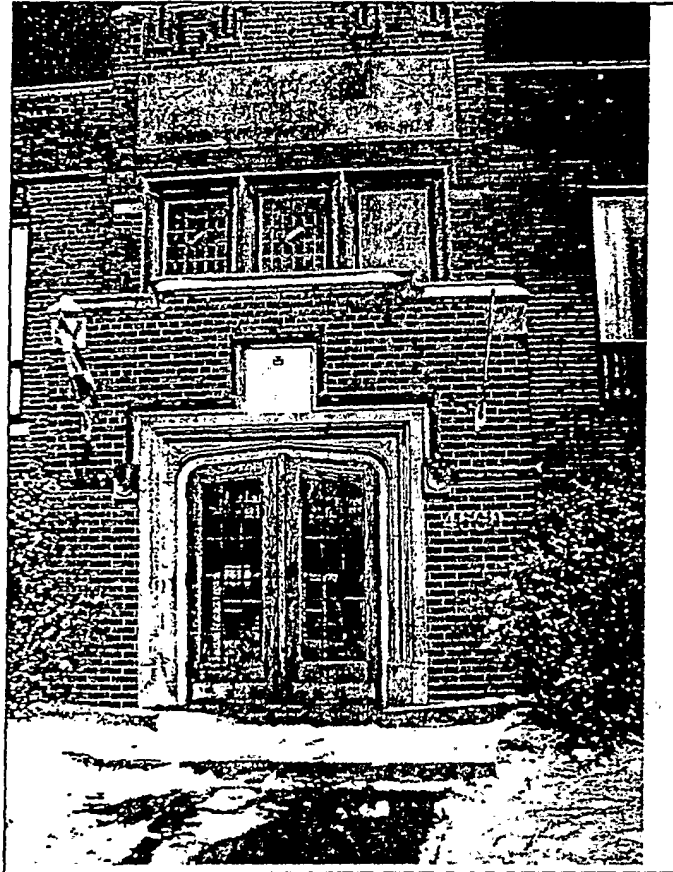
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 7th day of October 2004.

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk
The Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

September 7, 2004

DESIGNATION PROPOSAL

APPENDIX A



THE MILLIKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL SECTION #8
4600 Steeles Avenue East

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STATEMENT OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Milliken Public School, S.S. #8 is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value and interest containing the following heritage attributes.

Historical Attributes

The Milliken Public School was built in 1929 on the north side of Steeles Avenue, adjacent to the Village of Milliken.

According to the Journals of the Upper Canada Legislative Assembly, there was a school operating on Lot 1, Concession 6 in 1838 which received an operating grant from the Legislative Assembly. William Galloway was listed as the teacher and 26 students were reported in attendance in June of 1838, 23 students in December 1838.

By 1851, there was another school located on Lot 5, Concession 5 which served the Warden/Kennedy area north of Steeles Avenue to Highway #7. This area was designated as School Section #8 in 1855.

It is not known when the school on Lot 1, Concession 6 closed, nor what happened to the building but the children of Milliken attended school either at Hagerman's Corners to the north or at L'Amoreaux school to the south (Scarborough Township) until 1929.

At that time (1929), the union school, Milliken Public School was opened. It was known as a union school because children on both sides of the line dividing Markham and Scarborough were able to attend. The community of Milliken, similar to the case of Armadale, straddled the Township boundaries.

Mr. L.E. Morgan provided the site for the new school by selling 2 acres to the Board for \$600. The total cost of the project, including land, building and furniture was \$28,000.00. The former Milliken Public School is the only public building designed in the Collegiate Gothic style of architecture to remain in the Town of Markham.

Milliken Public School served the community of Milliken for 39 years until its closure in 1968. This was as a result of the establishment of Marklee School and new schools in Unionville which could accommodate the Milliken Students.

The building was sold in 1968. Later occupants included the Richmond College of Liberal Arts and the Scarborough Christian High School.

Architectural Attributes

The Milliken Public School is an excellent example of the Collegiate Gothic Style of Architecture, and the only example of its type in the Town of Markham. This style, a version of the Neo-Gothic, was used for many larger public school buildings in Ontario from the 1910s to the 1920s. The Milliken example is unusual because of its modest size and rural location.

Standing two storeys high, with its main façade directed south, the school is based on a traditional rectangular, centre hall plan with a projecting frontispiece and an enclosed, one-storey, flat roofed entrance porch. Constructed of reddish brown brick laid in common bond, the building has stone copings and string courses that add decorative relief. The school has a raised, full basement, no longer a regular feature in the more contemporary schools that are generally constructed with grade-level entrances.

With its flat roof, castellated central parapet, grouped windows and projecting string courses, the Milliken Public School represented a significant departure in architectural style and decoration from the traditional Victorian one room school house model.

All window openings are flat-headed with soldier coursed brick voussoirs, and the fenestration is uniform throughout. The original windows still exist in the main front entry section of the building, however, other main floor windows have been replaced. Formerly, the windows had a 6/1 pane division. The basement level windows were originally double hung sash with a 3/3 pane division.

The main classroom windows are grouped in fives. A continuous stone lugsill further joins these windows together. The three basement windows below the main floor classroom windows are centred beneath the openings above, but spaced apart. A special group of three leaded glass windows lie immediately above the main entrance and below the scribed stone tablet that bears the name of the school. These windows have carved stone surrounds.

The main entrance is within a projecting, enclosed porch, placed centrally on the façade. The structural opening shape of this doorway has an ogee or Tudor arched head. A double set of wood French doors, heavily recessed within a carved stone surround, adds to the decorative quality of the entrance as a whole. A battlement type "label head" of stone is located on top of the entranceway.

The date stone of 1929 is placed on the southwest corner of the main façade – right above the first projecting belt course. The tablet inscribed with the school's name, is above the leaded glass windows, mentioned earlier.

Significant Attributes to be conserved

1. Overall form of the building and red-brown brickwork;
2. Stone - copings, string courses, window and door surrounds, window sills;
3. Leaded glass windows over the main entrance;
4. Date stone and name stone;

5. Window openings;
6. Doorway with stone surround and pair of wood French doors;
7. Decorative brick coursing;

Contextual Attributes

The former Milliken Public School is a landmark historical feature in the community of Milliken. The school served the community for almost forty years as a public building and later as a private school.

Apart from the Ebenezer United Church, which is some distance to the east of the village, The building is the most significant and visible architectural landmark remaining in the Milliken Village community.