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REGISTERED MAIL

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 , KNOWN
MUNICIPALLY AS 7149 16TH AVENUE, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
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 7149 16th Avenue, Markham, as a
property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part
IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of Roger
Hawkins House, 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 July 21,
2008

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

June 19, 2008

APPENDIX A

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Roger Hawkins House

**Lot 15, Concession 9
7149 16th Avenue
c. 1875**

The Roger Hawkins 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 Roger Hawkins House is a one and a half storey frame farmhouse that has been relocated from its original site on the south side of 16th Avenue, west of Reesor Road, to a new lot within a residential subdivision. It is located with the Cornell Secondary Plan area of Markham, and was historically associated with the Locust Hill-Cedar Grove community.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical Value

The Roger Hawkins House is of historical value as a representative example of a dwelling constructed by a prosperous farming family to house tenant farmers on land they owned, but did not reside upon. The Hawkins House was constructed on the eastern portion of Markham Township Lot 15, Concession 9, on property owned by Christian Reesor. Christian Reesor, a member of a prominent Pennsylvania-German family, lived on Lot 14, Concession 10. Historical research suggests that the house was built c.1875, to replace an older dwelling, when Roger Hawkins became a tenant on the Reesor property. Hawkins' brother, John, was married to Christian Reesor's eldest daughter, Fanny. The construction of an updated farmhouse illustrates the trend toward continual improvement and investment in their land by Markham's agricultural community.

Architectural Value

The Hawkins House is a representative example of a modest frame dwelling designed to serve the needs of a tenant farmer and his family. The T-shaped plan, one and a half storey height, steep gabled dormer, and flat-headed 2 over 2 windows are forms associated with rural vernacular houses in Ontario dating from the third quarter of the 19th century. The overall character of the building represents a simplified version of the Ontario vernacular Gothic Revival, without the bargeboards and pointed arched window in the steep gable often seen in other examples of the style. The simplicity of the house may be interpreted as a reflection of its origin as a home for tenants rather than owner-occupants, who may have gone to more expense if constructing a home for their personal long-term use.

The vertical tongue and groove siding is a type of exterior finish that was once common in Markham Township and its surrounding communities. It is a significant feature of Markham's vernacular architecture as it is characteristic of the area.

Contextual Value

Now preserved and integrated into the Cornell community, the Hawkins House serves as a reminder of the former agricultural community that flourished in the greater Locust Hill-Cedar Grove area for almost 200 years. In its original context, the house was associated with a farmstead that consisted of this dwelling, a barn and associated outbuildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Roger Hawkins House include:

- T-shaped form and volume of the original house
- One and a half storey height
- Vertical tongue and groove wood siding
- Cross-gabled roof, with steep gable on the rear wing
- Wood soffits and fascias
- 2 over 2 wood windows with their associated wood trim and projecting sills
- Restored centre door