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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 LOT 6,  
CONCESSION 10, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 7914 14TH AVENUE, 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 7914 14th Avenue, 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.

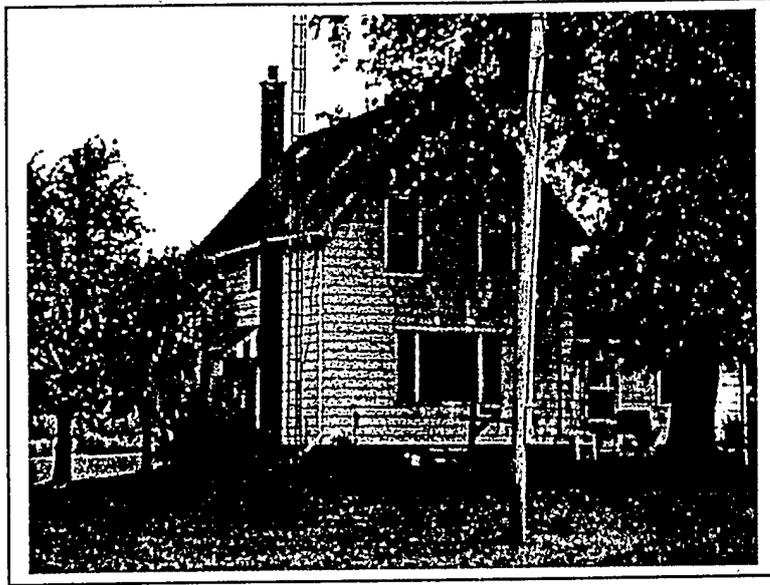
A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of The  
Tran House and Barn, is attached.

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 3rd  
day of July 2003.

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

June 3, 2003

DESIGNATION REPORT



**THE TRAN HOUSE AND BARN**  
7914 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Lot 6, Concession 10

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman &  
Marie Jones

## STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Tran House and Barn are 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 William Tran House was constructed c.1890 on lot 6, Concession 10, which was originally a crown reserve lot leased in 1804 to Christian Frederick Krister. In 1851 William Dunseath was granted the S ½ of the lot, 100 acres from King's College. The South ½ was divided into two 25 acre lots and a 50 acre lot on the SE. In 1857 James Tran purchased the E part of the N ½ 16 2/3 acres and James Dimma purchased the W ½ of the SE ¼ 25 acres from Richard Davey. As early as 1853 there was a road which led through these two properties north off of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Grist Mill owned by Ira White. James Tran also owned property to the North on Lot 7.

James Tran was born near Hull, Yorkshire England in August of 1814, he died in 1896. He was married in 1836 to Mary Ann Gardham of Stone Ferry Hall near Yorkshire. They emigrated in 1842 with two children. They had another ten children after their arrival in Markham. James landed with very little money and at first worked as a hired hand at Hagermans Corners. After this he rented a farm at the 10<sup>th</sup> Concession where he stayed a few years. In 1848 he moved to the farm of the late Ira White on the 10<sup>th</sup> Concession where he rented 400 acres. He gradually purchased 200 acres of this and the surrounding area. James was a successful farming specializing in not only imported cattle and sheep but also was a butter and churn maker. He was an active member of the Markham and East York Agricultural Societies. He held for several years the position of School Trustees and was the executor and trustees for several large estates which he managed. He was involved in the Conservative party and was an active member of the Church of England. It seems that the house on Lot 6 was built for his son William about 1890. Willai too was a farmer involved in the local community.

### Architectural Attributes

The 1 ½ storey Georgian Style house was constructed c. 1890 is 3 bays x 2 bays with a 1 storey tail at the rear. The frame dwelling was modernized in the 1960's which included new windows and new siding. Although the exterior of the house has changed with the use of new materials the original form of the house remains the same.

To the south of the house is an early bank barn c.1880's. It is considered to be one of the earliest and largest barns in Markham and is a significant heritage resource.

### Contextual Attributes

The Tran house is of significance for its association with the rural farming community in the east end of Markham.

### Significant Heritage Attributes

1. The original roofline;
2. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling;
3. The bank barn on the property.

## IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The Tran House
<u>Legal Description:</u>	Lot 6, Concession 10
<u>Owners:</u>	
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	
<u>Assessment Roll Number:</u>	030253207000000
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c.1890
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Georgian Cottage
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Farm house
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	1 1/2
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Modern siding over wood cladding