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January 19, 2012

Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV*:

John B. Miller House 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E
James Brison Johnson House 10295 Ninth Line
John Boyles House 11190 York Durham Line
Richard Tarr House 7368 Elgin Mills Road E
David Burke House 10531 Reesor Road
Wellington Wideman House 11201 Reesor Road
James Collins House 11223 Reesor Road
Noble Tenant Farmer's House 11122 Reesor Road
Adam Betz House 10676 Reesor Road

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham
Attention: Judy Carroll
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

The Corporation of the Town of Markham • Clerk's Department

Anthony Roman Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3 • Tel: 905.475.4744 • Fax: 905.479.7771 • www.markham.ca

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, positioned above the printed name.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 10676 Reesor Road

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Adam Betz House
East Half Lot 25, Concession 9
10676 Reesor Road
c.1871

The Adam Betz 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 Adam Betz House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Reesor Road, just south of the crossroads of Elgin Mills Road and Reesor Road. The house faces east, and is set far back from the road.

Design or Physical Value

The Adam Betz House is a typical example of a frame, centre-gabled Classic Ontario Farmhouse. The house is simply detailed, with no decorative bargeboards or pointed-arched window in the Gothic Revival centre gable. The flat-headed door and window openings remain in their original size, but now contain modern doors and windows.

Historical or Associative Value

The Adam Betz House has historical value for its association with Adam Betz, a German immigrant that arrived in Markham in the 1870s. Adam Betz was a farmer. His descendants continued to own and farm the property until 1955.

Contextual Value

The house at 10676 Reesor Road remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Adam Betz House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its one and a half storey height, rectangular plan with a one storey rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with the original finish concealed beneath later claddings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves and steep centre gable;
- Simple front door opening;
- Flat-headed windows openings, which would likely have originally had wood 2 over 2 sash windows based on the age and style of the house.