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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

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

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 7134 Major Mackenzie Drive East

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John B. Miller House
West Half Lot 21, Concession 9
7134 Major Mackenzie Drive East
c.1855

The John B. Miller 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 John B. Miller House is a one and a half storey fieldstone dwelling located on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive East, between Ninth Line and Reesor Road. The house was constructed into a natural slope so that it is two and a half storeys at the eastern end. The house is not visible from the road, and overlooks a tributary of the Rouge River.

Design or Physical Value

The John B. Miller House is a noteworthy and locally rare example of a fieldstone bank house, constructed to fit within a natural slope. The house is a good example of vernacular Georgian tradition architecture. The fieldstone wall construction is accented with squared stone quoins at the corners and buff and red brick quoins and arches around door and window openings. The application of the quoin treatment around the door and window openings is a distinctly Scottish detail, suggesting the house may have been built by Scottish stone masons.

Historical or Associative Value

The John B. Miller House has historical value for its association with John B. Miller, a grandson of Jacob Miller and Phoebe (Gould) Miller, American immigrants from Erie County, New York, who arrived in Markham Township in 1796. The family were farmers and founding members of the Ninth Line Baptist Church.

Contextual Value

The house at 7134 Major Mackenzie Drive East remains in a rural setting, significant for having been built to address the specific topography of its site on the banks of a tributary of the Rouge River.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John B. Miller House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two and a half storey height, rectangular plan, the volume of the structure, and its siting into a natural slope;
- Fieldstone wall construction with squared stone quoins at the corners and buff and red brick quoins and arches around door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves, eave returns and associated wood mouldings;
- Front doorcase with multi-paned transom light, multi-paned sidelights and wood door;
- Flat-headed, multi-paned wood sash-style windows with a 6 over 6 glazing pattern and projecting window sills.