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## BY-LAW 2012-71

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
David Burke House

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WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Regional Director  
Programs and Pickering Lands Branch  
Ontario Region, Transport Canada  
Attn: Rob Bergevin  
4900 Yonge Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the David Burke House, 10531 Reesor Road, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

David Burke House  
10531 Reesor Road  
Markham, ON

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

"Kimberley Kitteringham"

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2012-71**

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

LT 21 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 22 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 23 CON 10 MARKHAM; N1/2 LT 24 CON 10 MARKHAM; S1/2 LT 24 CON 10 MARKHAM; E PT LT 25 CON 10 MARKHAM; W1/2 LT 25 CON 10 MARKHAM EXCEPT MA28722; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**SCHEDULE 'B TO  
BY-LAW 2012-71**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**David Burke House**  
**North Half Lot 24, Concession 10**  
**10531 Reesor Road**  
**c.1850**

The David Burke 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 David Burke House is a two storey fieldstone dwelling located on the east side of Reesor Road, just south of the intersection of Elgin Mills Road East and Reesor Road. The house faces west and is set back from the road.

**Design or Physical Value**

The David Burke House is an exceptionally fine example of fieldstone construction. The large, squared, multi-coloured fieldstone on the front wall is a rare treatment in Markham. On the rear and side walls, the fieldstone treatment is more informal. The full two-storey height and remnants of Venetian windows on the ground floor front are uncommon locally for a farmhouse of this period and are therefore noteworthy. Stylistically, the house is a good example of vernacular Georgian tradition architecture, with its façade exhibiting a formal symmetry. A frame, one storey sidewing is an unusual 19<sup>th</sup> century addition, contrasting with the more common practice of adding wings at the rear of rural dwellings.

**Historical or Associative Value**

The David Burke House has historical value for its association with David Burke, an Irish immigrant who received the Crown patent for this property in 1838. The size and quality of the house is an indication of David Burke's success as a farmer in the country he chose as his new home.

**Contextual Value**

The house at 10531 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 David Burke House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two storey height, rectangular plan, the volume of the structure, and its one storey frame sidewing;
- Fieldstone wall construction with squared stone on the front wall and coursed rubblestone on the side and rear walls;
- Stone arches above door and window openings on the front wall, and brick arches above window and door openings on the side and rear walls;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves, eave returns and associated wood mouldings;
- Front doorcase with sidelights with wood panels below, and panelled wood door;
- Flat-headed windows openings, including the bricked-in remnants of original Venetian window on the ground floor front with a 6 over 6 glazing pattern and projecting window sills.