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January 29, 2015

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 City 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*:

Francis Pike House
7170 Highway 7
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the following address:

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

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

Yours truly



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Francis Pike House

c.1875

7170 Highway 7

The Francis Pike House is recommended for designation under Part *N* of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Francis Pike House is a one and a half storey brick farmhouse located on the north side of Highway 7, east of Ninth Line. The property is situated within the Cornell community of the City of Markham.

Historical or Associative Value

The Francis Pike House has historical and associative value as the former home of Francis Pike, the son of a U.S. army officer and possibly a nephew of Colonel Zebulon Pike who was killed in action against the Town of York during the War of 1812. Francis Pike emigrated from Pennsylvania to Canada in 1824. He married Elizabeth Strickler and established a farm at Dickson Hill. Like many other families that came to Markham from Pennsylvania, the Pikes were Mennonites. In later years they moved to a 10 acre property east of Markham Village and built a brick farmhouse that still stands at 7170 Highway 7.

Design or Physical Value

The house at 7170 Highway 7 is a representative example of a vernacular farmhouse of the 1870s, clad in patterned brick and retaining its original hipped roof front veranda with slender square posts and fretwork brackets. Corner quoins, a brick frieze on the front wall, and raised "eyebrow" arches over door and window openings are typical decorative brick elements of the period. The symmetry of the facade and form of the building are indicative of the persistence of the design influence of the Georgian architectural tradition well into the 19th century.

Contextual Value

The Francis Pike House is one of a group of heritage buildings that remain from the area's history as an agricultural community that existed between Markham Village and the hamlet of Locust Hill until relatively recent times, when the area was transformed from farmland into the New Urbanism community of Cornell.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Francis Pike House include:

- Overall T-shaped form of the building, including the one storey brick rear kitchen wing;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick walls with buff brick accents on a red brick body;
- Raised brick "eyebrow" arches over door and window openings;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves and wood shingle moulds and fascia;
- Segmentally-headed 2 pane over 2 pane wood sash windows and their associated wood frames and projecting wood sills;
- Wood front door with 4 panelled design;
- Front veranda with hipped roof, slender square wood posts and fretwork brackets.

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