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May 15, 2014

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:

Archibald Fenwick House
7 Heritage Corners Lane
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014** 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archibald Fenwick House

c.1845

7 Heritage Corners Lane

The Archibald Fenwick 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 following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Archibald Fenwick House is located on the east side of Heritage Corners Lane, within the Markham Heritage Estates community of relocated heritage houses. The house was relocated from its original location at 4551 Elgin Mills Road, in the historic community of Cashel, in 2009.

Design and Physical Value

The Archibald Fenwick House has design and physical value as an excellent example of a restored Ontario Regency Cottage in red brick, accented with white brick quoins and cut stone lintels. The one storey, hip roofed house is noteworthy for its four chimneys and the triple set of Regency style French doors on the front, restored following the relocation of the house to Markham Heritage Estates. The gable roofed frame rear wing is a reconstructed version of a later kitchen/woodshed addition that formerly existed in the same location.

Historical and Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value as the former home of Archibald Hugh Fenwick (1813-1868), a prosperous farmer and the owner of considerable property in the community of Cashel, Markham Township. The son of Captain James Fenwick and Ellen Thomson, Archibald Fenwick originally lived on the family homestead on Lot 26, Concession 5, which contained a sawmill, store, distillery and inn all established by his enterprising father. In 1844, Archibald Fenwick purchased the north 100 acres of Lot 25, Concession 6, and built this fine brick house about this time.

Contextual Value

The Archibald Fenwick House has contextual value as a restored building from the Cashel community, relocated in 2009 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to abandonment. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Archibald Fenwick House include:

Brick Portion

- Overall form of the house, with its rectangular plan and one storey height;
- Fieldstone facing on the foundation;
- Red brick walls with Flemish bond on the front wall and common bond on the other walls, white brick quoins, projecting brick plinth, and cut stone lintels;
- The three bay front with three restored French doors with rectilinear Regency style glazing and panelled aprons;
- Restored tent-roofed front verandah supported on wood treillage posts;
- Restored wooden 12 over 12 sash style windows on the side walls, with their wood brick moulds and projecting sills;
- Restored wooden 12 over 8 sash style windows on the rear wall, with their wood brick moulds and projecting sills;
- Glazed and panelled wood rear door with its multi-paned transom light
- Low-pitched, wood shingled hipped roof, with wide, overhanging eaves, associated wood trim and mouldings, and four restored brick chimneys;

Frame Portion

- Overall form of the single storey rear wing, with its rectangular plan, offset on the rear wall of the brick portion of the house;
- Restored vertical wood tongue and groove siding;
- Medium-pitched, wood-shingled gable roof with its associated wood trim and mouldings;
- Wooden 2 over 2 sash style windows with the associate wood sills and trim.
- Regency style small paned wood window on the rear elevation;
- Small batten door on the north wall;
- 6 panel wood doors.