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November 20, 2023

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, ARMSTRONG HOUSE, 45 CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG'S LANE**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on November 15, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 45 Captain Armstrong's Lane under Part IV, Section 29 of
the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance**

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (November 21). Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' at the link below. The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>

Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at emanning@markham.ca

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Armstrong House

45 Captain Armstrong's Lane
c.1841

The Armstrong House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 Armstrong House is a one-and-a-half storey stone dwelling located at the west end of Captain Armstrong's Lane, east of old Markham Village. The house faces north.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Armstrong House has design and physical value as a fine representative example of an early nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. The coursed random rubble fieldstone construction is noteworthy for the tuckpointed joints on the front wall, the squared stone quoins, and red brick accents around door and window openings. The integrity of the building is noteworthy and greatly contributes to its design value. The overall architectural character of the Armstrong House reflects the formality and balance of the Georgian architectural tradition. Georgian houses were built throughout Markham Township from the earliest period of European and American settlement into the 1860s. This style of conservative, symmetrical residential architecture following a standardized formula of design and proportion based on principles established by the sixteenth century Italian architect Andrea Palladio and later reinterpreted by British architects in the 1700s. Georgian architecture first came to North America via Britain's New England colonies, then came to Canada with the arrival of Loyalists and later British immigrants. The use of the style continued in Canada long after the Georgian period ended.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Armstrong House has historical and associative value, representing the locally significant theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British immigrants who arrived in Markham Township during the 1820s-1830s. Specifically, it is noteworthy for its association with Captain William Goodfellow Armstrong, a leading citizen of Markham Township who was a progressive farmer, hotel owner, distiller, Captain of the militia, and supporter of the Anglican Church and the Agricultural Society. William Goodfellow Armstrong, a native of Cumberland, England, left his homeland in 1817. He initially lived in Geneva, New York, then Montreal, and briefly the Town of York (now Toronto) before coming to Markham Township and purchasing 195 acres of Lot 10, Concession 8 in 1824. William Armstrong married Esther Reesor, a daughter of Peter Reesor, in 1833. They first lived in a log house and then the Wellington Hotel before they moved into a substantial fieldstone farmhouse constructed in 1841. The property was later farmed by their son, Robert Goodfellow Armstrong. The farm was sold for suburban

residential development in the late 1960s as nearby Markham Village grew. The Armstrong House remains on a remnant of the farm.

Contextual Value

The Armstrong House has contextual value as the farmhouse that once served the Armstrong Farm on Lot 10, Concession 8, standing on its original site in the midst of twentieth century suburban development. It is historically linked to the former farm property where it has stood since 1841.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Armstrong House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as fine representative example of an early nineteenth century Georgian fieldstone farmhouse:

- T-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Fieldstone walls with squared stone quoins and red brick trim around door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with wood cornice and eave returns;
- Gable roofed front dormer window;
- Gable-end brick chimneys;
- 3-bay front with single-leaf, 6-panelled wood door and multi-paned transom light;
- Six-over-six wood windows with projecting lugsills and operable, louvered wood shutters;
- Early twentieth century full-width front porch with hipped roof supported on square wood columns on stone pedestals;
- Gable-roofed, rear fieldstone wing with one-storey height, single-leaf wood door centred on east wall, and twelve-over-twelve wood windows.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value, representing the locally significant theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British immigrants who arrived in Markham Township during the 1820s-1830s, and specifically for its association with Captain William Goodfellow Armstrong:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the several generations of the Armstrong family who historically resided here.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building on its original site where it has stood since 1841, making legible one of the earliest layers of Markham's growth.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- East rear veranda;
- West rear sunroom;

- Attached frame shed and garage.

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