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## Planning and Urban Design

May 31, 2024

Victoria Square United Church  
10720 Victoria Square Blvd  
Markham, Ontario  
L6C 1H9

**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, VICTORIA SQUARE UNITED CHURCH MANSE, 10724 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 29, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 10724 Victoria Square Blvd 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 (May 31, 2024). 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](mailto:emanning@markham.ca)

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Victoria Square United Church Manse

10724 Victoria Square Boulevard  
c.1936

The Victoria Square United Church Manse 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 Victoria Square United Church Manse is a two-storey red brick dwelling located on the west side of Victoria Square Boulevard, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square, next door to the Victoria Square United Church. The building faces east.

### **Design Value and Physical Value**

The Victoria Square United Church Manse has design and physical value as a representative example of a brick village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical features. The Victoria Square United Church Manse is typical of the practical, simply detailed houses built on farms and in villages throughout Markham Township in the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1936, it is a late example of its type reflecting the architectural trends of perhaps a decade or more earlier. Its architectural detailing is derived from Edwardian Classicism that was popular from the early 1900s through the 1920s. In form, the house is an American Foursquare with a functional, compact shape and deep front porch with Edwardian Classical details. The red pressed brick cladding and two-storey form of the house, with a broad hipped roof, are representative features of the style. The treatment of the door and window heads, without brick arches or stone or concrete lintels, is unusual.

### **Historical and Associative Value**

The Victoria Square United Church has historical value and associative value as it is representative of Markham's early religious and cultural diversity as it served as the residence of the ministers of the Victoria Square United Church and their families since first constructed in 1936. The roots of the congregation date to the formation of a Primitive Methodist Church in 1832. A Wesleyan Methodist Church was next established on land provided on the Stoutenburgh farm in 1845. In 1884, the two Methodist congregations joined together to worship in a Gothic Revival brick church built in 1880. In 1925, the Methodists, the Congregational Union of Canada, and a segment of the Presbyterian Church in Canada joined to form the United Church of Canada. As a result of the church union, Victoria Square's Methodist congregation became part of the United Church. In 1935, the pastoral charge of Victoria Square was formed. Three United Church congregations consisting of Victoria Square, Headford, and Carrville agreed to provide an annual salary for a minister that they would share. In 1936, a manse (residence for the minister and his family) was constructed at Victoria Square on a building lot purchased from William and Ida Heise. The designer of the manse was Frank (full name: Franklin) Brumwell, a

member of the congregation. Since the time of its construction, the manse has been home to a succession of church ministers.

### **Contextual Value**

The Victoria Square United Church has contextual value as one of a grouping of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. The location of the Victoria Square United Church Manse next to the Victoria Square United Church clearly expresses the relationship between the church and the residence of its clergy members.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Victoria Square United Church Manse are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a representative example of a brick village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical features.:*

- Cubic form;
- Two-storey height;
- Red brick veneer;
- Concrete foundation;
- Hip roof and single-stack chimney;
- Gable-roofed front porch with square, wooden, Tuscan half columns supported on brick pedestals, with concrete caps;
- Single-leaf front door;
- Flat-headed window openings with concrete lugsills, containing single-hung wood windows with three-over-one panes organized as single, double or triple units.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its representation of Markham's early religious and cultural diversity through its function as the manse serving Victoria Square United Church.:*

- The dwelling is a tangible representation of the historic relationship between the Victoria Square United Church and the manse as the residence of its ministers and their families..

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that are important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square:*

- The location of the building facing east, within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as being physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.*

- The location of the manse next to Victoria Square United Church clearly expresses the relationship between the church and the residence of its clergy members.

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

- Frame vestibule on the south side of the dwelling.