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RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, HENRY AND SUSANNA WIDEMAN HOUSE, 10484 NINTH LINE

To whom it may concern:

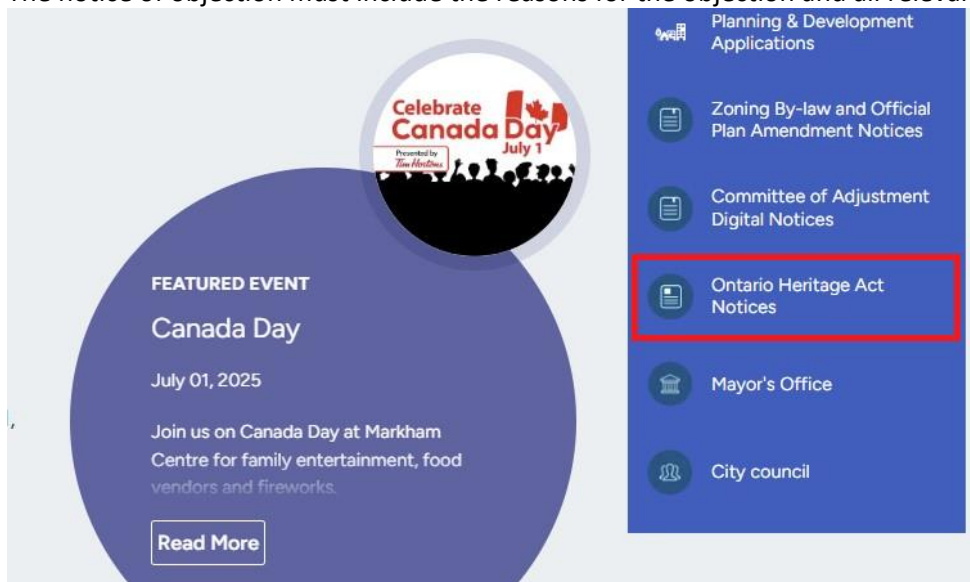
This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 27, 2025, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 10484 Ninth Line 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 (publication will occur on June 23, 2025).

Click on the 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' icon on the City's landing page to find your address (<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>)

The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.



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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
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Attachment: Statement of Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Henry and Susanna Wideman House

10484 Ninth Line

c.1850

The Henry and Susanna Wideman 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 Henry and Susanna Wideman House is a one-and-a-half storey fieldstone dwelling located on the west side of Ninth Line, in the vicinity of the historic community of Milnesville. The house faces south.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Henry and Susanna Wideman House has physical and design value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. It is a modestly scaled example of its type with its rational form embellished with bold brick door and window surrounds, cut stone quoins, and a bold wood cornice. The large size of the ground floor windows is noteworthy. The design of the Wideman House is in keeping with the tendency of many Pennsylvania German Mennonite families to build their dwellings in the formal, conservative Georgian tradition.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Henry and Susanna Wideman House has historical value as its associated with the early religious diversity of Markham Township, namely Pennsylvania German Mennonites who arrived in the early nineteenth century. Henry Wideman came to Markham Township from Buck's County, Pennsylvania in 1803 and settled on Lot 24, Concession 8. He was one of the first ordained Mennonite minister in Upper Canada and the first in Markham. His son, Christian Wideman, received the Crown patent for the family homestead in 1824. In 1843, he sold 65 acres of the south-east part of the property to his son, Henry Wideman, grandson of Reverend Henry Wideman. By 1851, a one-and-a-half storey fieldstone farmhouse was constructed on the property. The Wideman family resided on the property until the early 1880s.

Contextual Value

The Henry and Susanna Wideman House has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as one of a number of nineteenth century farmhouses located in the general vicinity of the historic rural community of Milnesville, and because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to the farm property where it has stood since c.1850. The property is historically linked to the Samuel Wideman House at 10541 Highway 48, on the western part of Lot 24, Concession 8.

Heritage Attributes

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

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value or physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition:

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with eave returns and wood cornice;
- Three-bay composition of the primary (south) elevation;
- Single-leaf door centred on the primary elevation;
- Rectangular window openings with cambered arches and projecting lugsills;
- One-storey siding with gable roof, clapboard siding, and single-hung windows with two over two panes.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit:

- Fieldstone walls with cut stone quoins and red brick door and window surrounds.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the early religious diversity of Markham Township, namely the arrival of Pennsylvania German Mennonites in the early nineteenth century, as the former residence of the Wideman family:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of two generations of the Wideman family that historically resided here.

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

- The location of the building, facing south, where it has stood since c.1850, making legible the historically significant role of agriculture in the development of Markham Township.

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

- Modern doors and windows within existing openings;
- Enclosed front porch;
- Brick chimneys.