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August 3, 2017

Via Registered Mail

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*:

Alexander McPherson House
31 Victory Avenue
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017** at the following address:

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

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

Yours truly

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Alexander McPherson House 31 Victory Avenue c.1840

The Alexander McPherson 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 the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Alexander McPherson House is a one and a half storey frame residence located on the south side of Victory Avenue in the community of Milliken. Its architectural front faces Old Kennedy Road.

Historical or Associative Value

The Alexander McPherson House is of historical or associative value as the former home of Alexander McPherson, a farmer of Scottish birth that settled in the area in 1830. The township directory of 1837 places him in this location prior to the formal granting of the Lot 2, Concession 5 to him by the Crown in 1846. Alexander McPherson Jr. was bequeathed the property in 1878. He served as a lieutenant in the York Militia. The farm remained in the ownership of McPherson descendants into the 20th century.

Design or Physical Value

The Alexander McPherson House is a representative example of a one and a half storey frame farmhouse with the influence of the Georgian architectural tradition. Although the original exterior cladding is concealed under modern materials and the windows and doors have been replaced within their original openings, the essential form of the c.1840 building remains clearly discernable.

Contextual Value

The Alexander McPherson House is one of a grouping of 19th and early 20th century buildings within the historic community of Milliken. As the oldest remaining building in the area, the McPherson House represents the early phase of Milliken's history, when it was an agricultural community prior to suburban development that began to occur following the First World War.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Alexander McPherson House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the rectangular plan shape of the main block, one and a half storey height, and the one and a half story rear wing;
- Original door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting eaves, suggesting eave returns were once present;
- Wood cladding, trim, and eave details that may remain concealed by modern materials.