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Town of  
**East Gwillimbury**

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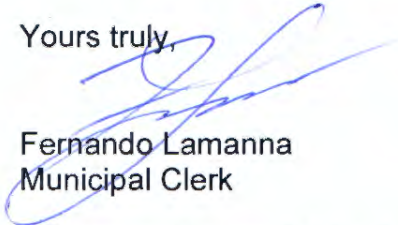
Dear E. Semande:

**Re: NOTICE OF PASSING OF A BY-LAW  
The Elmer House  
18651 Warden Avenue  
Lot 8, Concession 5  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Regional Municipality of York**

Notice of Intent to Designate the structure on the above noted property was provided in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. As no objections were received, By-law No. 2017-124 was passed by Council on September 6, 2017. This by-law, a copy of which is enclosed, has the purpose and effect of designating the above noted property, including lands and buildings.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

  
Fernando Lamanna  
Municipal Clerk

Enclosure: By-law 2017-124

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Town of  
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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY  
BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-124**

**Being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as:**

**The Elmer House  
18651 Warden Avenue  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Regional Municipality of York**

**WHEREAS** Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, authorizes that the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury deems it desirable to designate the property at 18651 Warden Avenue as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, as amended; and

**WHEREAS** the Clerk of the Town of East Gwillimbury has caused notice of intention to designate this property upon the owner of this property; upon The Ontario Heritage Trust; and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Municipal Clerk

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacts as follows:

THAT the property at 18651 Warden Avenue be designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest; and

THAT Schedule A, explaining the cultural heritage value or interest, and heritage attributes of the property, form part of this by-law; and

THAT the Municipal Clerk cause a copy of this by-law, including Schedule A, to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of the by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

THAT the Municipal Solicitor cause a copy of this by-law, including Schedule A, to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.

**ENACTED and PASSED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
Tara Roy-DiClemente, Acting Mayor

  
Fernando Lamanna, Municipal Clerk

**SCHEDULE A TO BY-LAW 2017-124****Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Description of Heritage Attributes**

The Elmer House was constructed circa 1856 on the east side of Warden Avenue north of Herald Road, in the Town of East Gwillimbury. The approximately 25 acre subject property supports a 1 ½ storey frame dwelling constructed circa 1856, with two outbuildings (a barn and a workshop) located in the rear yard.

The Elmer House is of cultural heritage value as one of the few remaining intact examples of an Ontario classic farmhouse, constructed in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Typical of this style, it maintains the simple, rectangular, “plain folk” early architecture prominent in Upper Canada during this era. Some alterations have been made to the house, such as: construction of the bell-cast shaped verandah; installation of west-facing dormer windows; and the alteration of the interior arrangement of rooms to suit modern needs.

Key exterior attributes that express the value of The Elmer House as an example of a typical mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Ontario classic farmhouse are: rubble-stone foundation, 12-over-8 double-hung wooden windows (similar to those found on the Ebenezer Doan house), a 6-panel cross-and-bible pattern raised-panel wooden front door, and clapboard, board and batten sidings.

The property has historical and associative value as the former farmhouse of William Elmer and his family. Mary Elmer (William's wife) was born Mary Webster and her ancestors – Websters, Lundys and Willsons – were part of the influx of Quakers who left New Jersey and joined the Pelham Monthly Meeting and Yonge Street Quakers. William joined David Willson's Children of Peace, and Mary's mother was one of the builders of the Temple. William and Mary became Quakers after 1817 and are buried in the Children of Peace Cemetery. William was part of the Reform Movement of Canada West, and was one of the elected delegates to a County Convention of the Reform Movement (i.e. founders of the Reform Movement in Upper Canada). William and Mary were part of a community that in large part had roots in the founding of Ontario.