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The Town of Richmond Hill

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, RSO 1990  
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES  
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including lands and building, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18:

**Municipal Address:** 1420 Major Mackenzie Drive East

**Legal Description:** In the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York, being composed of part of Lot 21 in Concession 2 (formerly Township of Markham), more particularly described as Part 7 on Reference Plan 65R-12734

**Historical Reference:** George Monkman House

**Reasons for the Proposed Designation:**

The George Monkman House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The house was built by farmer George Monkman circa 1885 to replace an earlier log house on the property. In 1907, the farm was sold to Frederick A. Clark. The Clark family retained ownership until recent times.

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Significant features of the Classic Ontario, T-shaped farmhouse include the white brick walls, two-over-two windows, shutters, transomed 4-panel front door and bellcast roofed verandah.

A more detailed reasons for designation is available for review at the Office of the Clerk, Ground Floor, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 18th day of April, 1995. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail.

If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.

  
David M. Calnan  
Deputy Clerk

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## Reasons for Designation

The George Monkman House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

George Monkman, a farmer of English origin, purchased the east 100 acres of Lot 21, Concession 2, Markham Township in 1853. He and his family initially occupied a two storey log house, until about 1885 when the existing farmhouse was built. At the time of the 1891 census, the new house was standing and occupied by George Monkman and his family.

In 1907, the farm was sold to Frederick A. Clark. The Clark family retained ownership until recent times.

The George Monkman House is the centrepiece of a picturesque farmstead that retains an exceptional degree of 19th century character. It is a good example of a Classic Ontario Farmhouse, with the characteristic one-and-a-half storey form, centre gable and T-shaped plan.

Significant features include the white brick walls, with radiating voussoirs and projecting plinth, two-over-two segmentally-headed windows, two-over-two Gothic window, louvred shutters, 4 paneled front door, transom light over the front door, and bellcast roofed front verandah with turned posts and fretwork brackets.