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February 9, 1999

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6 Alexander Hunter Place  
Markham, Ontario  
L6E 1A8

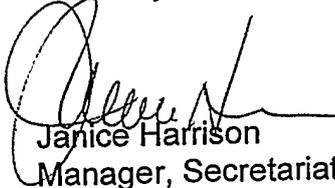
Dear ██████████:

Re: By-law 15-1999 - To Designate a Certain Property  
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value  
or Interest (The Robert Grundy House -  
6 Alexander Hunter Place) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1999 passed By-law 15-1999 to designate "The Robert Grundy House", 6 Alexander Hunter Place, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
Janice Harrison  
Manager, Secretariat Services

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Encl.

c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation

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# MARKHAM

## BY - LAW

### 15-1999

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The Robert Grundy House, 6 Alexander Hunter Place

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

  
6 Alexander Hunter Place  
Markham, Ontario  
L6E 1A8

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Robert Grundy House located at 6 Alexander Hunter Place, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

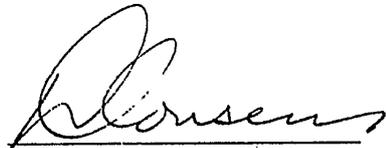
The Robert Grundy House  
6 Alexander Hunter Place  
Town of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK



DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT  
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY.  
  
B. PANIZZA

# SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 15-1999

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property description as follows:

Lot 32, Plan 65M-2761

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# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 15-1999

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## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Robert Grundy House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical and architectural significance.

### Historical Reasons

The Robert Grundy House located at 6 Alexander Hunter Place, Markham Heritage Estates was originally located at 9954 Woodbine Avenue, immediately south of Major Mackenzie Drive on Lot 20, Concession 3E.

The Crown granted the patent to the lot in 1804 to John Gray. The property was sold to Robert Grundy in 1819 for 100 Pounds. No further transactions occurred relating to the property through to the 1890s.

The directories of 1837, 1846 and 1850 list Robert Grundy on the property. The 1851 Census lists Robert with his wife Elizabeth and one child, plus three non-family members living in a 1 storey brick house. By the 1862 Census, only Robert (aged 72) and Elizabeth (aged 65) were residing in the house. Although there was no indication of the property changing ownership during the last half of the century, the York Herald newspaper indicates that there was a credit sale of farm stock of Robert Grundy in November 1861 and that he died on September 28, 1867.

Robert Grundy was a supporter of the Reform cause and in the election of 1832 was listed as voting for William Lyon Mackenzie. The Grundy family was active in the Methodist Church.

The 1871 directory and the map of 1878 indicates that an Edward Sanderson was on the property. Records indicate that Grundy's daughter, Isabelle was married to Sanderson. The directory also shows that the East ½ of the property was occupied by James Bell, who was a "tenant on the side road".

In recent years the house was owned and occupied by Dr. Ellen Brown who operated a veterinary practice from the residence.

The house is undergoing restoration by [REDACTED], who had the house relocated to the Markham Heritage Estates subdivision in 1998.

### Architectural Reasons

The Robert Grundy House is a good local example of Regency influenced Georgian Architecture, built c. 1840.

The house is 1 ½ storeys in height with a 3 bay facade and an end gabled roof. The roof features a substantial cornice and returns.

Features of the house include returned eaves, an original 6-panel front door, paired sidelights, an original 6/6 dormer window and multi-pane side windows. The original front windows are believed to have been 6/6. These were replaced later in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with 2/2 pane windows. The original upper doorway moulding was existing c.1988, when it was recorded on a photograph taken for the Markham Inventory of Heritage Buildings. Beneath the aluminium siding on the dormer there was revealed an attractive Neo-Classical treatment.

The house is made from soft, local brick laid in common bond (1 row of header brick for 6 rows of stretcher).

In the upper brickwork, there is evidence of a veranda on 3 sides which would have given the house a Regency flavour.

The house originally had a wood shingled roof with chimneys on the gable ends.

The original orientation of the house was east facing. The house now faces Northwest.