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February 9, 1999

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12 Alexander Hunter Place
Markham, Ontario
L6E 1A8

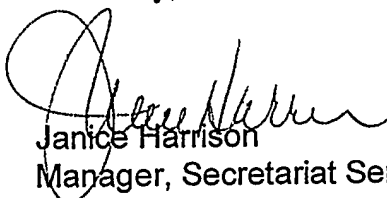
Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 16-1999 - To Designate a Certain Property
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value
or Interest (The McKenzie-Gowland House -
12 Alexander Hunter Place) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held January 26th, 1999 passed By-law 16-1999 to designate "The McKenzie-Gowland House", 12 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



MARKHAM


BY - LAW

16-1999

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The McKenzie-Gowland House, 12 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:


12 Alexander Hunter Place
Markham, Ontario
L6E 1A8

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The McKenzie-Gowland House located at 12 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:

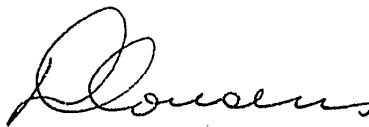
The McKenzie-Gowland House
12 Alexander Hunter Place
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York

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.

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 16-1999

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

Lot 29, Plan 65M-2761

MARKHAM

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 16-1999

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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

Historical Reasons

The McKenzie-Gowland House was built c.1871 for Marshall McKenzie, his wife Martha and their family and stands as an excellent example of a Gothic Revival Style farmhouse.

Marshall McKenzie was a farmer who owned the land until 1884. He was married to Sarah McKenzie and had four children. Marshall McKenzie was the grandson of George and Mary Koepke, who arrived in Markham in 1793 with William Berczy. Given the style of the house and the increase in property value between 1871 and 1884, it appears that the house was built during the McKenzie's ownership of the land. The McKenzie family had been shown as tenants on the land since 1853 but they lived elsewhere (Con 5W, Lot 24). A building is seen on the property on the 1853 historic map, however, it appears to be located further to the north and west. The McKenzie family continued to appear as tenants on the property in the 1891 census, 7 years after their sale to Jonathan Gowland.

In 1884 the property was sold to Jonathan Gowland. Jonathan Gowland had been a resident of the area since 1843 when in the year of his birth, his father, Matthew Gowland purchased the western 50 acres of the east half of Lot 17, Concession 6, located south and opposite the McKenzie House. Until that time the family had been living in Vaughan Township. The Gowlands were original and active members of the Unionville Methodist congregation, which established a church at Hunters Corners (16th Avenue and Kennedy Road) in the 1840s.

Upon the death of Jonathan Gowland in 1891 the property at 9785 McCowan Road passed to his son Jonathan H. Gowland, while the family homestead went to his eldest son, James Gowland. James Gowland farmed the land for most of his life, he was an active participant in the community and served for a number of years on the Markham Fair Board of Directors. Jonathan H. Gowland passed away in 1935.

Architectural Reasons

The McKenzie-Gowland House is an excellent example of a Gothic Revival styled farmhouse. Built of wood frame construction, with original tongue and groove board cladding, the house retains much of its original form and features.

The House is T-Shaped with a 3 bay facade and a central Gothic gable on the front facade.

The original windows on the house were segmental arched 2/2, double hung. These were replicated during the restoration of the house in the Markham Heritage Estates. The windows are surrounded by louvered wood shutters.

The wood front door is surrounded by sidelights.

In the gables there is elaborate gingerbread wood trim with a central decorative finial.

The house has a bell cast roofed front veranda which was restored according to an historic c.1930s aerial photograph and a marking in the wall.

On either end of the main gables are large corbeled top chimneys which have been restored to the proportions of the originals.

The house and verandahs have wood shingle roofs.

The foundation is clad in fieldstone to represent its appearance in its original location on McCowan Road.