



An agency of the Government of Ontario

Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca.**

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF MARKHAM

MARKHAM, ONTARIO

BY-LAW NUMBER

119-80

Ronald R. King, Solicitor, The Town of Markham, 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario L3R 1A1 G. F. ROSEBLADE, A.M.C.T. TOWN CLERK CHRISTINE PALMER DEPUTY CLERK



MUNICIPAL OFFICES
8911 WOODBINE AVENUE
MARKHAM, ONTARIO
L3R 1A1

297-1900 887-5577

The Town of Markham

December 10th, 1980

REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation 77 Bloor Street West Toronto, Ontario M5S 1M2

Dear Sirs:

RE: By-law 119-80, being a by-law to designate certain properties in the Town of Markham under the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, I forward herewith a copy of By-law 119-80, which was registered on title on October 7th, 1980 as Instrument No. N-3121 on the following property:

186 Steeles Avenue East, Milliken

Yours very truly,

Gary F Roseblade, A.M.C.T.

Town Clerk

GFR:ph Encl. Reg 7/80 God 7/80 Lund Tithus.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER //9-80

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of Historic and/or Architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate 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 186 Steeles Avenue East, Thornhill and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

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

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

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" hereto attached and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest; 186 Steeles Avenue, East, Thornhill.

- 2. AND 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" hereto attached in the proper land registry office.
- 3. AND THAT the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published each of three consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Markham.

READ a first and second time this 13th day of May, 1980
READ a third time and passed this 13th day of May, 1980.

Sury F. Halale Stitlions homen

CLERK MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER //9-80 DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York (formerly the Township of Markham in the County of York) and being composed of the whole of Lot 8 according to a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Toronto and York South (No.66) ans M-950.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER //9-80

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (186 Steeles Avenue East, Thornhill)

The William Robinson House is recommended for designation for architectural reasons as being a well-preserved example of Georgian architecture in Ontario. This house exemplifies the use of contrasting coloured brick imitating details . normally executed in stone, a common characteristic of brick domestic architecture in Ontario during this period.

This house was constructed in 1845 for the William Robinson family. William Robinson was appointed lieutenant to the First Regiment of the York Militia in 1818 although he continued to farm in the area until 1878. The Robinson House has remained as a private residence since its construction.

Set back from the main road and surrounded by modern subdivisions, the house, enclosed by magnificent trees and scrubs, provides a pleasant reminder of a former lifestyle in rural Ontario.

The original two storey house is based on a rectangular plan with a three-bay main facade directed south and two additions - a two storey, two bay complementary structure to the east built in 1945, and a one storey summer kitchen to the north constructed shortly after the main house. All roofs are medium gable with plain, boxed and returning cornices. Paired wooden brackets accent the roof line of the main unit. The outer wall construction is of red brick in Flemish bond, complemented by beige brick corner dressing and radiating window youssoirs.

The typical windows of the original house and additions are flat-topped, double-hung sash and symmetrically placed with shutters. The south facade of the house proper is composed of five symmetrically placed windows. A centrally placed flat-topped main entrance utilizes a single leaf door with a recessed mullioned transom and half sidelights. The west facade contains five windows, four symmetrically placed and a quarter-round in the attic space of the eaves. The north facade contains typical windows along the summer kitchen addition. The eastern Elevation contains a quarter-round window in the attic space of the eaves as well as the 1945 addition.

Original interior detailing includes the main staircases and doorway moldings.