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60 Drawbridge Drive  
Markham, Ontario  
L6C 2G8

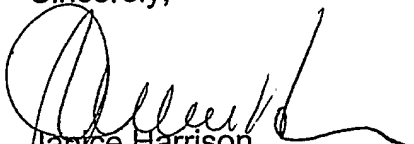
Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 146-1999 - To Designate a Certain Property  
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value  
or Interest (The Vincent Wagg House -  
60 Drawbridge Drive) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999 passed By-law 146-1999 to designate "The Vincent Wagg House", 60 Drawbridge Drive, 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, Manager, Heritage Planning

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## 146-1999

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The Vincent Wagg House

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:



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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Vincent Wagg House, located at 60 Drawbridge Drive, 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 Vincent Wagg House  
60 Drawbridge Drive  
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  
31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.

GORDON WHICHER, ACTING CLERK

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, Gordon Whicher, ACTING TOWN CLERK  
OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT  
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 146-1999**

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

Lot 138, Plan 65M-3251

MARKHAM

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 146-1999

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

### Historical Significance

The house at 9929 Kennedy Road (Also known as 4649 Major MacKenzie Drive), located on the west half of Lot 20, Concession 6, was built in 1898 by Vincent Wagg, who named the house "Rose Mount". The date of construction is confirmed by a date stone in the north wall which states "Rose Mount Erected by Vincent Wagg A.D. 1898".

A photograph of the house taken c.1910 shows the farmstead as it was at that time and provides clear indication that the house has changed very little since it was built.

In March 1914, the property was sold to Fred and Emma Bagg, and their family lived on the property until the 1950's when it was sold to the Haig Family.

The history of Rose Mount is one of the most well documented in the Markham area, as a result of a chronicle written by Ila (Bagg) Groskorth, the daughter of Fred and Emma Bagg, which details her years on the farm.

The second owner of the property, Frederick James Bagg is described in his obituary, dated 1950 as a prominent Jersey breeder in Markham Township.

Frederick Bagg and Emma Kennedy were married in 1912 and two years later acquired the Wagg family farm at Lot 20, Concession 6, Markham Township. The farm was said to be one of the finest in the Township and "produced many fine crops".

The Baggs raised a family which included two daughters Ila and Hazel, and three sons Ronald, Ewart and Bruce. The family were members of Central United Church in Unionville and Mr. Bagg was an elder of the church for some years.

At the time of his death, Mr. Bagg was president of the local branch of the Milk Producers Association. He was a past director of the Canadian Jersey Breeder's Club. He was director of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society for a number of years and was president of the Markham Fair in 1948.

Mr. Bagg was keenly interested in showing his Jersey cattle at all the large exhibitions. He exhibited at the CNE and Royal Winter Fair for many years and often came home with prizes. He also showed a large number of his cattle at the Markham Fair as well as others in the vicinity.

Although Rose Mount was built in 1898, the recorded history of the property on which it stands dates back to over 90 years earlier, when it was originally designated as a Crown Reserve lot. In 1804 John Stober (Stiver) leased the property from the Crown. In 1828, the Crown Reserves were granted to King's College. John Robinson whose farmstead was located across the side road on Lot 20, Concession 5, purchased the property from the College in 1842.

A review of the various commercial directories and the Assessment Rolls (1852-1855) indicated that John Robinson rented this property first to Henry Jennings and then to Henry Hooper.

John Robinson died in 1876 and bequeathed the west half of Lot 20, Concession 6 to his son William. William soon married Edith Catherine Eckardt and they are listed at this site on the 1881 Census with their two eldest children.

Structures are illustrated at this location on the 1853 and 1878 historic maps of Markham Township. The 1851 Census Report lists Henry Jennings and family in a one-storey brick dwelling at this location. It is possible that part of the original structure was incorporated into Rose Mount in 1898, possibly the kitchen wing.

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 146-1999

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In 1997, the property was being rented to [REDACTED] by Mattamy Homes. As a result of the development of a subdivision on the property, the original barns, outbuildings and a stone milk house, with a date stone "1915" were demolished in that year. The Wagg house is to be incorporated in the plan of subdivision.

## Architectural Significance

Rose Mount, built in 1898 by Vincent Wagg is an excellent, and well preserved example of a Markham farmstead from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The house is a late example of the Gothic Revival Style. Unlike earlier 19<sup>th</sup> Century examples of the style, the detailing on Rose Mount is considerably more reserved. This is a reflection of the changing tastes at the turn of the century towards simplicity in architectural form.

The house was photographed c.1910, 12 years after it was built and appears little changed since that time. The only changes of note are the enlargement of the lower north window on the front facade (c.1920s-40s), the addition of a vestibule on the side (north) door, and the removal of the original front door and storm door in 1997 after the house was vacated.

The design of the house is unique in Markham Township. It is a full 2 storeys in height with a gothic pointed window, with half vent in the attic which gives the impression that it is taller.

The windows on the house are wood double hung with a 1/1 pane division. These are consistent with those which appear on the historic photograph. The storm windows on the upper level of the house are of a 2/2 pane division with swing light ventilator panes.

The veranda is asymmetrical and extends fully around the north side of the house, but does not extend around the south side. The veranda is enhanced by a fleur-de-lis wood pattern, brackets with a wheat detail and drops. At about c.1915, the north door was enclosed in a vestibule beneath the veranda. This feature blends in well with the house and is sufficiently old to be considered part of the house. The underside of the veranda roof is sloped at the same angle as the interior of the roof.

The original front door has been removed, however, video evidence taken by Heritage Section staff in 1997 indicates that it was a wood partially glazed door with ornate detailing. The storm door was also partially glazed with two panels in the lower 1 / 4. Above the front door is a single transom window.

An interesting feature on the north side of the house is a date stone which states "ROSE MOUNT ERECTED BY VINCENT WAGG A.D. 1898".

The historic photograph reveals that the chimneys on the house were originally corbeled in a typical late 19<sup>th</sup> century design. Parts of the original chimneys continue to be evident. The photograph also indicates that the original roof cladding material was likely wood shingle.

To the rear of the main house is a one story addition which may incorporate the original house on the site.

The house is of frame construction with a brick veneer. The house is currently painted a cream colour. The historic photograph reveals that the house was also a light colour c.1910. This may be because of a light coloured brick, or it is possible that the house was painted early in its history. The paint appears to adhere well to the brickwork and should not be removed.

## Contextual Significance

Rose Mount is of contextual significance as an important reminder in the vicinity of the agricultural landscape which existed on the property and elsewhere in the vicinity.