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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY
AS THE HENRY WILSON HOUSE LOCATED AT 144 MAIN STREET, NORTH,
MARKHAM, PART OF LOT 12, CONCESSION 7, IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham on the 14th day of May, 1985 passed a motion of intention to designate the property, including lands and building, known municipally as being the Henry Wilson House located at 144 Main Street, North, Markham, Part of Lot 12, Concession 7, Markham, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Henry Wilson House is an excellent example of High Victorian architecture and the foremost, intact, example of this architectural style within the Town of Markham. Of special note are the L-shaped verandah with ornate architrave and carved brackets, the windows with multi-coloured stained glass transoms and the decorative wood turnings, fretwork and appliques of the projecting bay gables.

The house was built in 1888 for Henry Wilson, a well-established general merchant in the Village of Markham, and sold to Dr. John MacDonald in 1917. The house remained in the MacDonald family until 1983 and served as a home and medical offices for Dr. MacDonald, and later his daughter, Dr. Innis MacDonald. Dr. Innis MacDonald was one of the first women in Canada to earn her medical degree and was also a noted Canadian eye specialist.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty (30) days of the 29th day of May, 1985.

DATED at the Town of Markham this 29th day of May, 1985.

Gary F. Roseblade, C.M.O., C.M.C.
Town Clerk