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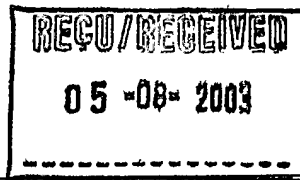


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York

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMISSION  
Clerk's Department

July 28, 2003

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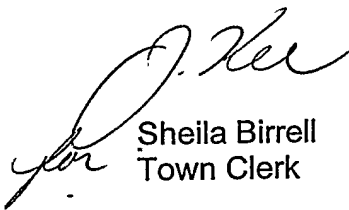
Dear Sirs:

Re: By-law 2003-154 & ~~By-Law~~ 2003-155 - Heritage Designation  
The Levi B. Heise House - 2718 Elgin Mills Road  
The Christian Heise House - 2730 Elgin Mills Road

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on May 27, 2003, passed By-law 2003-154 and By-law 2003-155, which designated The Levi B. Heise House - 2718 Elgin Mills Road, and The Christian Heise House - 2730 Elgin Mills Road, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-laws, with the pertinent registration data, are attached for your information. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning at 905-477-7000, Ext. 2080.

Sincerely,



Sheila Birrell  
Town Clerk

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c: R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning  
Ontario Heritage Foundation

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## BY-LAW 2003-155

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

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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:

CLEMENTE TUCCARONE  
55 DONCASTER AVENUE, SUITE 104  
THORNHILL, ON L3T 1L7

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Christian Heise House, 2730 Elgin Mills Road having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designations 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 properties, 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 Christian Heise House,  
2730 Elgin Mills Road  
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 properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2003.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2003-155**

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

PART LOT 26, CONCESSION 3 (MKM), PT 2, PL 65R12172 EXCEPT EXPROP.  
PL D887

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2003-155

### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The Christian Heise House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest containing the following heritage attributes.

#### Historical Attributes

The house located at 2730 Elgin Mills Road was built c.1859 on Lot 26, Concession 3, originally a crown grant received by patent to John Kennedy in 1805. The Berczy Census of 1803 lists a John Canada, (Kennedy?) age 30, as residing on the lot with his wife and son John. In Sept. of 1815 the entire 200 acre parcel was sold to Jacob Heise, and it remained in the Heise family for six generations.

The Heise family genealogy traces the ancestry back to Germany, where John Heise was born in 1700. His son, whose name was also John and daughter-in-law Barbara Yordy immigrated to Pennsylvania in the late 1700's, for what appears to be religious reasons. The group of their chosen faith was referred to by several names: Brethren in Christ, Tunkards, Dunkards and River Brethren. A number of Pennsylvania German families of the same beliefs settled, about 1804, in the North West part of Markham Township and Vaughan. This area in Markham became know as Heise Hill. It was here that an early congregation was organized and Christian Heise became the first deacon. For sixty years the meetings were held in the homes of sixteen different families and it was not until 1877 that the Tunker group built the Heise Hill Church on Lot 32, Concession 3.

As early as 1838 there is record of a Common School being located on Lot 26, Concession 3 having 22 students with George Smith as the teacher. The later map of 1853 by George McPhillips illustrates the schoolhouse being at the SW corner of the lot, facing what is today Elgin Mills Road.

The 1851 census lists Jacob Heise Jr., son of Jacob Sr. residing on the lot with his wife May Stickle (Steckly) in a log cabin with their five children Nancy (28 years), twins Christian and Jacob (22 years), John (14 years), and Daniel (11 years). George McPhillips Map of 1853 illustrates the lot had been divided into two parcels, the west 125 acres, Jacob Heise noted as owner, and the east 75 acres, with Christian Heise noted as owner. The assessment rolls of 1858 and 1859 note a considerable increase from one year to the next in the total value of the property of the east half. This would be a good indication that a house of considerable worth was probably constructed sometime in 1858 or early 1859. It appears that the 1 ½ storey red brick house referred to in the Census of 1861 was built for Christian Heise (sometimes referred to as Christopher 1829-1908) and his wife Leah Rhodes (1824-1912) who raised their family of seven children here. It was not until 1867 that Christopher officially gained title to the east part of Lot 26, which he paid \$5000 for.

In 1893, Christian Heise who was 64 years old had a legal agreement drawn up with his youngest son Levi (1863 – 1956). In this document, Christian and his wife, Leah would be allowed to live in and maintain either farmhouse # 1 of # 2. In 1940 Orla Heise, the son of Levi and Alice, purchased back the west half of Lot 26 from Harry and Clare Bennett. The lot was sold out of the Heise family in 1977.

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### **Architectural Attributes**

The 1 ½ storey Regency style house was constructed c.1859 for Christian Heise. The dwelling is of red brick with buff brick accents consisting of: the quoining on all exterior corners, courses along the roof line and the plinth. The original dwelling is rectangular in plan and sits on a fieldstone foundation. The brick on the main part of the house is laid in a common bond and the plinth is of a Flemish bond pattern. The dwelling is 3 bays across by 2 bays deep and exhibits features of the Classic Revival style.

The gable roof is medium pitch with returned eaves and plain boxed cornice. There are two gable dormers on the front elevation. The impressive front verandah runs the full length of the house, with large square posts on red brick piers, which support a hip roof. There is a large molded frieze and soffit at the roof line and an open railing. The front entrance is centrally located with side lights and transom. The windows are rectangular, 1/1 with radiating voussoirs in buff brick; they have plain wood trim and lugsills. The house has a single brick chimney which is mid offset right. There is a frame addition to the east clad in vertical board. An open verandah with bellcast roof and plain wooden posts exists on the rear of the building.

### **Contextual Attributes**

The Christian Heise house is of contextual significance for its association with the early development in the North West of Markham Township. This property dates back to one of the original Berczy settlers, Jacob Heise, whose descendants farmed this land for six generations.

### **Significant Heritage Attributes**

1. All wood windows on all elevations;
2. All original exterior wood doors and storm doors on all elevations;
3. The original red and buff brick;
4. The original roofline
5. The original footprint of the house;
6. The front and rear verandah;
7. The upper storey dormers;
8. The side light and transom at the front entrance
9. The existing chimney.