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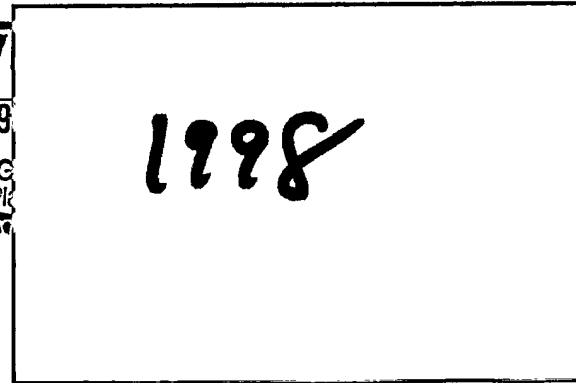
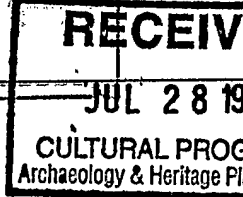
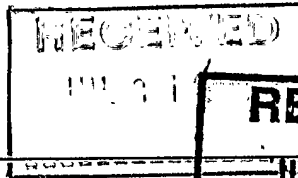


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July 24, 1998

981820 Ontario Limited  
c/o Huss Akbar  
2977 Sixteenth Avenue  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 0K9

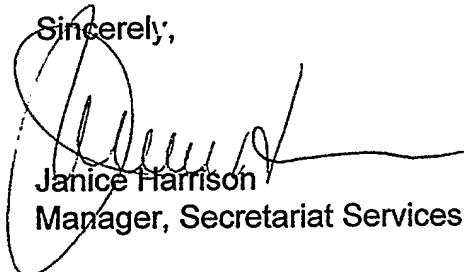
Dear Mr. Akbar:

Re: By-law 93-98 - To Designate a Certain Property  
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value  
or Interest (The Jonathan Calvert House -  
2977 Sixteenth Avenue) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held June 9, 1998 passed  
By-law 93-98 to designate "The Jonathan Calvert House", 2977 Sixteenth  
Avenue, 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

93-98

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The Jonathan Calvert House, 2977 Sixteenth Avenue

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 Jonathan Calvert House located at 2977 Sixteenth Avenue, 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 Jonathan Calvert House  
2977 Sixteenth Avenue  
Town of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT  
THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY.  
  
B. PANIZZA

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  
9TH DAY OF JUNE, 1998.

  
BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK

  
DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 93-98**

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

Part Lots 1 & 2

PLAN 4387

PT 2

65R11848

Markham

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 93-98

### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Jonathan Calvert House is recommended for designation under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

#### Historical Reasons

The Jonathan Calvert House located on the south-west corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, was originally located on the north-east corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, in Lot 16, Concession 4, and was built c.1978 by Jonathan Calvert.

The house was situated on the lot which was a crown grant to Henry Brown on November 7, 1844. Brown was a farmer born in Ireland around 1817. With his first wife Paulina, born c.1825 and his second wife May born c.1835, he raised at least seven children: William, Thomas, John, Sarah, Martha, Lyman and Josephine. Mr. Brown sold off parcels of 75, 50 and 2 acres from his lot to the Frisby, Gaulty and Wiley families respectively between 1848 and 1852.

On February 4, 1861, Henry Brown sold an additional 73 acres of his original lands in the southern half of the south-east quarter to Jonathan Calvert for 300 pounds. Calvert was a blacksmith and he built his home and shop on the corner lot probably soon after purchasing it and before 1878 when buildings are indicated on the county map.

Jonathan Calvert was born in 1832 and remained a bachelor throughout his life. His family came to Markham Township c.1842, from Dumfriesshire, Scotland. At the time, the family consisted of the parents, John and Elizabeth Calvert (Wilson) and seven children. They eventually had eight children.

The Markham Museum has a ledger belonging to Jonathan concerning his smithing business. The ledger indicates that he was a skilled blacksmith and was busy between 1854 and 1859. Jonathan Calvert had 4 brothers, three of whom were also blacksmiths. These included John Calvert (1835-1899) who was a blacksmith in Mongolia Village, Markham Township; George Calvert (1831-1913) who was a blacksmith in Green River, Pickering Township; and William Calvert (1836-1913).

Jonathan Calvert dies in 1913. His house was later occupied by his nephew Jim Calvert (1872-1948) until his death in 1948 and then by Jim Calvert's wife until 1955.

From the 1960's to the 1980's the house was operated as the Village Forge Antique shop by Margaret Workshop. Later, in 1984 the house was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, when under the ownership of John Jones of Gormley. By the late 1980's the house was threatened due to a proposed widening of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to four lanes.

In order to preserve the house, John Capon had the house and the former blacksmith shop frame relocated to the opposite corner of the intersection. The house and blacksmith shop were connected together and restored.

#### Architectural Reasons

The building located at 2977 Sixteenth Avenue is an excellent example of an Ontario Farmhouse with Regency and Gothic Revival features. The historic forge is an excellent representation of an early rural blacksmith shop, adapted for modern use.

Clad in board and batten, the Calvert House represents a rural vernacular interpretation of then popular architectural styles. The three front bays are sheltered by a Regency style veranda. The veranda is supported by four regularly laced turned posts decorated with carved brackets.

The centrally placed front door retains its wooden storm door and a rectangular transom light. A pointed Gothic window in the central front gable is framed by shutters. The remaining windows of the main house are double hung wood sash with six panes over six. The medium pitched gable roof is trimmed with a frieze board.

#### Contextual Reasons

Although relocated from its original site on the north-east corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Woodbine, the Calvert House and Forge retain a strong contextual significance as part of the historic hamlet of Buttonville. Together with the two vernacular structures on the east side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Calvert House serves as an attractive gateway into the Buttonville Heritage Conservation District Study Area.