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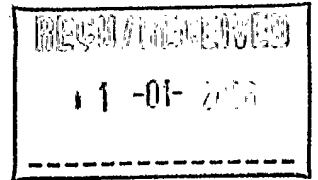


Note: BY-LAW passed Dec. 13/05

Clerk's Department
Corporate Services Commission

January 10, 2006

Charles Attardo
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Dear Charles Attardo:

Re: By-law 2005-366- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (Lewis J. Burkholder House - 6881 Highway 7)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on December 13, 2005, passed By-law 2005-366, which designated "Lewis J. Burkholder House", 6881 Highway 7, 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,

Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

cc: The Ontario Heritage Trust
R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

Feb 14/06
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BY-LAW 2005-366

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
Lewis J. Burkholder 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 Lewis J. Burkholder House, 6881 Highway 7 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 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:

Lewis J. Burkholder House
6881 Highway 7
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
13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

"Patricia Miller"

PATRICIA MILLER
DEPUTY CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

FRANK SCARPITTI
DEPUTY MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO
BY-LAW 2005-366**

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

Concession 9, Pt Lot 10

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**SCHEDULE 'B' TO
BY-LAW 2005-366**

REASON FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Lewis J. Burkholder House
6881 Highway 7**

1904

The Lewis J. Burkholder House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property having cultural heritage value and interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance:

Historical Value:

The Lewis J. Burkholder House was built on the west half of Lot 10, Concession 9, a township lot that was owned by members of the Reesor family from as early as 1805. The Reesors were a prominent Pennsylvania German Mennonite family that settled in the south east part of Markham and north east Scarborough in the opening years of the 19th century. John Reesor Sr. built the main farmhouse on this property c.1841, a fieldstone dwelling that still stands on its original site to the east of the Burkholder House. Abraham Grove Burkholder and his second wife, Elizabeth Reesor, purchased the 100 acre farm in 1891. The Burkholders were another early Pennsylvania German Mennonite family. Abraham and Elizabeth's son Lewis Josephus Burkholder was ordained as a Mennonite minister at the Wideman Church in Cedar Grove in 1896. He became known as an accomplished carpenter, historian and writer, producing a book on the history of the Mennonites in Ontario in 1935. In 1904, Lewis J. Burkholder married Lucetta High. The newly married couple built this two storey frame house on a portion of the family farm after briefly occupying a newly-built barn nearby. Here, they operated a fruit/market garden business in combination with a bee-keeping enterprise. After the death of his first wife in 1923, Lewis Burkholder married Emma Meyer. Their son, Paul Burkholder, followed in his father's footsteps as a historian and writer interested in commemorating the history of the Pennsylvania Germans and Mennonites in York County. The Burkholders continued to own the property until 2004.

Architectural Value:

The Lewis J. Burkholder House, built in 1904, is a well-preserved example of a frame vernacular rural dwelling of the early 20th century. The two storey house is architecturally interesting as its design illustrates the transition from the highly decorated buildings of the late Victorian period to the simpler Edwardian styles. Its L-shaped plan and fretwork verandah echo the lingering influence of the Gothic Revival and Picturesque architecture of the latter half of the 19th century, while its one over one windows, square bay window and restrained use of decorative woodwork reflect the trend toward simplification that was gaining strength in the early 20th century.

Contextual Value:

The Burkholder House, historically associated with the John Reesor Sr. House (later the home of Abraham Burkholder) to the east, illustrates the practice of a farmer portioning a part of the family farm for the use of one of his children. The house is a remnant of the once active agricultural community that existing in the area prior to the development of the Cornell community in the late 1990s and early 2000s. It is also a reminder of significance of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community to the early agricultural development of south east Markham.

Significant Architectural Attributes:

- 2 storey L-plan main block of the house, and the shed-roofed rear wing;
- gable roofed rear addition with its open belfry;
- gable roof with its projecting, open eaves, wood soffits and fascia boards;
- horizontal wood clapboard trimmed with corner boards;
- wood front door;
- 1/1 sash style windows with their associated wood trim and projecting window sills;
- square bay window with its mansard roof, transomed east window and 1/1 side windows;
- hip roofed front verandah with its square posts, decorative brackets and fretwork frieze;
- casement window with its bracketed hood and 6 light double casements.