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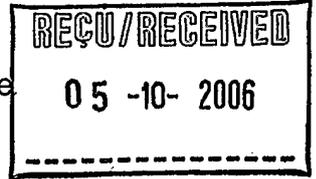
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York

Clerk's Department  
Corporate Services Commission

October 3, 2006

Trustees of the Congregation of Zion United Church of Cedar Grove  
SS 14, 7046 11th Concession  
Markham, ON  
L6B 1A8



Dear Trustees of the Congregation of Zion United Church of Cedar Grove:

Re: By-law 2006-257- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (Zion Cedar Grove United Church - 7046 11th Concession)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on September 12, 2006, passed By-law 2006-257, which designated "Zion Cedar Grove United Church", 7046 11th Concession, 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



## BY-LAW 2006-257

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
Zion Cedar Grove united Church

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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:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate Zion Cedar Grove united Church, 7046 11th Concession 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:

Zion Cedar Grove united Church  
7046 11th Concession  
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  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

"Sheila Birrell"

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SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

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DON COUSENS, MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2006-257**

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

Part Lot 1 Concession 10 Markham Parts 1-3, 64R2286

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2006-257**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

#### **Zion Cedar Grove United Church 7046 11<sup>th</sup> Line**

##### **Constructed 1890**

The Zion Cedar Grove United Church is recommended for designation under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance:

##### **Description of Property**

The Zion Cedar Grove United Church is a two storey brick, rural church located on the west side of the 11<sup>th</sup> Line, just north of Steeles Avenue. The property is nearby the historic community of Cedar Grove located in the southeast portion of the Town of Markham.

##### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

##### **Historical Value**

The Zion Cedar Grove United Church is the third church to occupy the parcel of land located on the west side of the 11<sup>th</sup> Line. In 1820 local Mennonites joined with the Presbyterians to construct a church made of logs. In 1857 the log church was replaced with a new building made of clapboard.

Through the 1860's to the 1880's the nearby community of Cedar Grove expanded to include a hotel, two stores, a cider mill and four sawmills. In 1890 the old clapboard church was moved up the road to serve as a farm drive shed and construction began on the brick church that occupies the site today. The construction of the brick church demonstrates the significant and continuous role that religion played in the lives of Markham's early settlers. The sophistication of design and the permanence of the materials used in the construction of the brick church reflect the prosperity attained by the Cedar Grove and their conviction that religion would continue to be an important part of their community.

Some of the money for the construction of the brick church was raised at summer socials held at the homes of Mrs. James Dimma and the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Reesor, called Silver Springs Farm. The socials held at Silver Springs farm were famous for being quite lavish and attracted over 5000 guests. In 1891 as part of a church fundraiser, the extensive grounds of Silver Springs farm were lit with electric arc lights marking one of the first uses of electric lighting in the Township.

In 1925, the Presbyterians joined with the Methodist to form the United Church which still operates the church to this day.

##### **Architectural Value**

The Zion Cedar Grove United Church is a classic example of a red brick rural church constructed in the late nineteenth century. The building displays a high degree of craftsmanship, following a traditional rectangular plan oriented on an east west axis with a western alter or apse, and an eastern vestibule or exonarthex. The main hall or nave is raised on a high foundation constructed of massive cut blocks of limestone and granite fieldstone, creating a basement that is lit with natural

light by relatively large windows. The apse is half a decagon in plan with a hipped roof and features two round headed windows with stained glass transoms. The nave is divided into three bays divided by brick buttresses. Each bay is punctuated by paired gothic one over one windows with stained glass transoms topped by yellow brick arches that are connected by a horizontal band of yellow bricks featuring a dogs tooth frieze.

Centred on the east wall of the nave is the exonarthex with a louvred gothic vent above and two single gothic one over one windows with stained glass transoms on either side. The exonarthex has a buttressed front wall that rises above the roof to form a parapet and two gothic one over one windows with stained glass transoms on the side walls. The front wall of the exonarthex features two wooden double leaved doors with original hardware and ornate cast iron gothic hinges. Above the doors are wooden pointed transoms featuring wooden board arranged in a herring bone pattern. Centered in the wall above the doors is a bullseye window surrounded in yellow brick with a stained glass trefoil with three smaller punched trefoils within the cusps of the overall window frame.

The roofs of both the nave and the exonarthex are steeply pitched with red asphalt shingles. Encircling the perimeter of the church is a yellow brick plinth directly above the stone foundation. The north east corner of the foundation features a large block with the date of construction 1890 carved into it. Projecting from the south basement wall is a one storey modern styled brick addition with a flat roof. This addition serves as a multi purpose room and was constructed in 1964.

#### **Contextual Value**

The Zion Cedar Grove United Church is of contextual significance for its long time association with the historic community of Cedar Grove. The church's surroundings remain distinctly rural and are protected by the Greenbelt and North Rouge Management Plans. The property represents the quintessential country church built in the Gothic style, simple in form, yet displaying sophisticated decorative elements. The church is remarkably similar in form to the brick church located in nearby Locust Hill, but is unique for its paired double entrance doors and the robust gothic details and brickwork. Together with the cemetery immediately to the north, surrounded by a stand of mature Norway spruce and farm fields, the church is solidly linked to the names of Markham's early settlers and the Town's agricultural past.

#### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Zion Cedar Grove United Church House include:

- The rectangular form oriented on an east west axis with an apse and exonarthex;
- The raised cut limestone and granite fieldstone foundation with date stone;
- The dichromatic brickwork having a plinth, arches and horizontal banding picked out in contrasting yellow brick;
- The half decagon in plan apse with hipped roof and two round headed one over one windows with stained glass transoms;
- The three bay nave defined by brick buttresses featuring paired one over one pointed gothic windows with stained glass transoms and a steeply pitched roof;
- The louvred gothic attic vent and single one over one gothic pointed arched windows with stained glass transoms on the east wall of the nave.;
- The exonarthex with its brick buttressed front wall that extends above the roof to form a parapet featuring a bullesye window with a stained glass trefoil and the paired double wooden entrance doors with cast iron gothic hinges, original hardware, and wooden pointed transoms with herring bone pattered boards;
- The one over one gothic pointed arched windows of the exonarthex with stained glass transoms.