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February 24, 2003

Catholic Cemeteries - Archdiocese of Toronto
4950 Yonge Street, Suite 206
Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6K1

Attention: Executive Director

Dear Sir:

Re: By-law 2003-31 - To designate a certain property as being of
historic and/or architectural value or interest - "The David
Lapp House" - 7297 Reesor Road



This will advise that Council at its meeting held on January 28th, 2003,
passed By-law 2003-31, which designated the "David Lapp House", 7297
Reesor Road, 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.

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c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Mr. R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Mr. Michael Wren, Miller Thompson, 2500, 20 Queen Street
West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3S1

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BY-LAW 2003-31

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The David Lapp 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 The David Lapp House, located at 7297 Reesor Road, Markham, 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 David Lapp House
7297 Reesor 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 property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2003-31

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

PART OF LOT 3, CONCESSION 10, BEING PART 22, PLAN 65R-24320
TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2003-31

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The David Lapp House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The property of Lot 3, Concession 10 was originally dedicated as a Clergy Reserve. It appears that the property was originally leased out as both John Haynes and John Waldenberger are listed as tenants on the Settlement In Markham Map of 1837. It appears that early in its history, a 1-½ acre parcel, which ran along the road allowance (concession 10) was severed from the larger 200-acre parcel. This particular smaller piece became an important part of the history of the village of Cedar Grove. The larger one acre piece was the location of the local Tavern, a store that later housed the first official Post Office for the village of Cedar Grove and a dwelling with various outbuildings. The tavern was in the ownership of many throughout its history, John Waldenberger, was most likely one of its earliest owners, Joseph Burton, Andrew Cowan, Thomas Hall, John Schnell and David Lapp. In Nason's Directory of 1871, the property is listed as having an Inn, general store and the local post office. The adjoining ½ acre lot became the site of a dwelling, stables and of the Cedar Grove Blacksmith Shop, believed to be constructed in the 1820's. The Blacksmith Shop had numerous owners throughout its early history many who played an important part in the history of the village of Cedar Grove, (Andrew and Mathew Kellington, George Bainbridge, and Anthony Graham and Arthur Clendenen to name a few). The shop was re-located in 1977 to the Markham Village Museum.

In 1847, Samuel Reesor is granted the patent to the E ½ 100 acres and in 1859 he gains title to the E ½ of the W ½. On Oct.14, 1859 David Lapp purchases the W ½ of the W ½ 50 acres. At this time he is the owner of the Centre part of Lot 2, Concession 10, 68 acres, which he had inherited from his father Henry Lapp in 1842. It appears that he had been operating a sawmill on the property prior to this where the river crosses the north property line. He is also listed as being a carpenter and joiner. The timbers for the Cedar Grove Blacksmith Shop reportedly came from David's Mill. Remains of the old millrace can still be seen today on the property.

The David Lapp House would seem to have been constructed in late 1859, as the Assessment Roll indicates a significant increase in personal property values at this time. George Tremaine's Map of 1860 shows the new dwelling on the property. David Lapp and his wife Sarah are listed as residing in a 1-½ storey frame building on the 1861 census. It is interesting that David sold the property to his brother Joseph (who owned 66 acres on Lot 2, Concession 10) in 1860 for \$3400.00. David continued to reside in the house on the property while he operated the sawmill. Joseph Lapp farmed these 50 acres along with his own adjoining 66 acres. He grew seed grain (wheat, oats, alfalfa and barley), which was sold both locally and to commercial mills. They also kept a herd of dairy cattle. David Lapp was one of the local millers and carpenters and brother Joseph Lapp became fairly prosperous as a farmer. When Joseph died in 1915, he left the property to his children.

The Lapp family had an early start in the history of Markham when Henry Lapp, David's father arrived in 1804 to settle on lot 2, concession 10. Henry and his wife Elizabeth (Waldenberger) were both of German descent, but not Mennonite like many in the area. The Lapps, Milroys and Dimmas became involved in the construction of the first Zion Presbyterian Church in 1857 on the east part of lot 1, concession 10. The church continues to be used today and remains on its original site.

Descendants of the original Henry Lapp family continue to reside in the Cedar Grove area. The Lapps have remained a major part of the community around Cedar Grove for almost two hundred years. Evelyn Lapp Whittamore, with her husband and sons farm property on lots 1, 2 and 3, concession 10 in the close vicinity of her family's original farm. She was born in the David Lapp house. The Whittamore family operates one of Markham's largest outdoor fruit and vegetable markets.

Architectural Reasons

The building located at 7297 Reesor Road (10th Line) continues to exhibit characteristics of a Classic Revival style from the mid 1800's. Although the house has been reduced in size somewhat over the years, it remains a good example of the simple tastes and functional style of the agricultural community within the Cedar Grove area.

The house is a 1-½ storey frame building with clapboard siding that was originally built on a side facing H-shaped plan. (It is presently a T-shaped plan) The house is 3 bays x 3 bays built on a foundation of fieldstone. The roof is of a low pitch with plain-boxed cornice and returned eaves.

The rectangular 1/1 windows have plain wood trim and are probably not original to the building. The main entrance is centrally located with additional doors at the tail of the house. The rear extension is composed of a 1-½ storey addition with an adjoining saltbox and a small attached woodshed. The latter parts have replaced the original larger 1-½ storey section.

The original four internal chimneys that the house was constructed with have been replaced. On the south elevation is an external brick chimney and one is present at the rear centre.

Contextual Reasons

The David Lapp House is of contextual significance as an important built heritage contributor to the character of the community of cedar grove and as a reminder, along with the Lapps Cider Mill and the Joseph Lapp House of the important contribution made by the Lapp family to the development of the area.