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Clerk's Department
Corporate Services Commission

August 3, 2006

[Redacted address line 1]
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7323 Highway #7
Markham, ON
L6B 1A8



Dear [Redacted name]:

Re: By-law 2006-103- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (The Frank Albert Reesor House - 7323 Highway #7)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on April 25, 2006, passed By-law 2006-103, which designated "The Frank Albert Reesor House", 7323 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

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BY-LAW 2006-103

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Frank Albert Reesor 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 Frank Albert Reesor House, 7323 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:

The Frank Albert Reesor House
7323 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
25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2006.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO
BY-LAW 2006-103**

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

Pt Lt 10 Con 9 Markham as in R550163

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2006-103

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frank Albert Reesor House

7323 Highway 7

Built in 1912

The Frank Albert Reesor House 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 Frank Albert Reesor House is a two and a half storey red brick farmhouse located on the south side of Highway 7, east of Ninth Line. The property is situated within the southern Cornell Centre area of the Cornell community of Markham.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical Value

Christian Reesor immigrated to Upper Canada with his wife Fanny Reiff and their six children in 1804. The Reesors were members of prominent family of Pennsylvania-German Mennonists that established a significant agricultural community in Markham Township in the first decade of the 19th century. Christian Reesor purchased the full 200 acres of lot 10, Concession 9, in 1805, but resided on Lot 14, Concession 10. After his untimely death from a falling tree in 1806, Christian Reesor's property holdings passed to his eldest son, Peter. The lot upon which 7265 Highway 7 stands was granted to Peter Reesor's younger brother, John, in 1807.

John Reesor married Annie Grove, another member of the local Pennsylvania-German community. They resided in a stone house that still stands to the west, at 6937 Highway 7. Here they raised a family of 15 children, one of whom was John Reesor Jr. John Reesor Jr. purchased the east 98 acres of Lot 10, Concession 9 from his father in 1846. A two storey stone house also stood on this eastern half of the Reesor lands. John Reesor Jr. married Catherine Brown and later, Magdalena McDowell. Their eldest son, Abraham Reesor, acquired the farm in 1873, and built a new brick farmhouse which still stands at 7265 Highway 7.

In 1883, by the terms of Abraham Reesor's will, the property was left to his son Frank Albert Reesor. He lived in the stone house built by his grandfather, while his widowed mother lived in the brick farmhouse to the west, built in 1875. In 1912, Frank Albert Reesor demolished the stone house and replaced it with a more up-to-date red brick farmhouse in the American Foursquare style. His descendants continue to own and occupy this fine old house.

Architectural Value

The house at 7323 Highway 7 is an excellent example of the functional American Foursquare style form of domestic architecture popular in the early 20th century. The simplicity of the design was enhanced with Edwardian Classical detailing, including a generous front verandah supported on stylized, tapered Classical columns resting on brick piers. The house has a cubic plan and two and a half storey height. The walls are of dark red pressed brick and ornamentation is limited to radiating voussoirs over door and windows openings in keeping with the restrained approach to decoration that typified the architectural approach of the early years of the 20th century. The attached one storey garage wing is believed to be the frame summer

kitchen of the stone house on this site that was demolished when the new house was built in 1912.

Contextual Value

The Frank Albert Reesor House, built on the site of an earlier stone house, is the most recent of a local group of heritage buildings associated with the Reesor family's long history at this location. It is a fine, minimally altered example of the functional American Foursquare style popular in the early 20th century, built in Markham in both rural and village settings. The Reesor family amassed some 2,500 acres of land in Markham Township. The three Reesor houses that still stand on Lot 10, Concession 9, represent five generations of the family on this Township lot and the changing tastes in architectural style over time.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Frank Albert Reesor House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the frame garage wing;
- Masonry foundation;
- Red brick walls with radiating brick voussoirs over door and window openings and stone window sills;
- Truncated hip roof with projecting wood eaves, hip roofed front dormer, closed side gable and shed roofed side dormer;
- All wood sash windows in their various glazing patterns and with their associated wood frames and trims;
- Canted side bay window;
- Flat-fronted "box bay" oriel window;
- Front verandah with shed roof with side pent eaves, tapered wood columns resting on brick and stone piers, and wood railing with turned balusters;
- All wood doors.