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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

Dear Gary Pringle:

Re: By-laws to designate certain properties as being of
historic and/or architectural value or interest

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on April 27, 2004, passed the following by-laws, which designated various properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest. The by-laws, and the affected properties, are listed below.

2004-95	Blacksmith House 7401 Reesor Road
✓ 2004-96	<u>Cedarena</u> <u>7373 Reesor Road</u>
2004-97	Christian Reesor Homestead 9035 Reesor Road
2004-98	David Whaley House 7218 Reesor Road
2004-99	George Miller Tenant House 7551 Reesor Road
2004-100	John Wurtz House 8847 Reesor Road
2004-101	Moses Clendenen House 9829 Ninth Line
2004-102	Peter Reesor Homestead 7273 14 th Avenue
2004-103	Reesor Pioneer Cemetery
2004-104	Reesor Tenant House 7632 Highway #7
2004-105	Samuel Irving House

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2004-105	Samuel Irving House 9529 Reesor Road
2004-106	Samuel Reesor Homestead 7450 Reesor Road
2004-107	Tran House and Barn 7914 14 th Avenue
2004-108	William Lapp House 7399 Reesor Road
2004-109	Wurtz Family Cemetery North of Hwy. #7, East side of Reesor Road

Copies of the by-laws, with the pertinent registration data, are attached for your information.

Sincerely,



Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

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



BY-LAW 2004-96

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
Cedarena

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 Cedarena, 7373 Reesor Road 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:

Cedarena
7373 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 properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
27TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-96

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

Lot 10, Concession 3, West ½

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-96

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Cedarena is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value and interest containing the following heritage attributes:

Historical Attributes

Built in 1926 by the people of the hamlet of Cedar Grove in the Town Markham, the charming Cedarena provides a glimpse of what skating rinks were like decades ago. It's a natural ice rink that is cleaned and re-flooded nightly. The first Cedar Grove rink was located at the South East corner of Steeles and Reesor Road on property owned by the Reesor family. In 1926 the decision was made to relocate it to another location. Authur Lapp owned property at Lot 3 where the rink would be moved to. Constructed on the flats near the river The original small building was relocated to the new site to become part of the present pavilion where skaters go for hot chocolate and to change their skates. Austin Reesor approached his friend Authur Lapp with the idea and on a handshake the property was allowed to become part of the Cedar Grove Community Club who continue to operate it today.

Cedarena is a unique cultural landscape feature in Markham. It has been described as a "a step back in time as soon as you begin the short trek down a dirt trail leading to a cottage-like dwelling nestled between trees".

The natural ice arena features an early to mid 20th Century frame pavilion, set over against the natural ice surface. Visitors pay a admission at the pavilion, which also serves as a changing room and refreshment counter. The architecture and character of the building are typical of early to mid 20th Century recreational facilities.

Outside the pavilion is the oval hockey-sized rink encircled by boards. It lies in the cedar-encircled hollow of the Rouge River Valley, just where it was established back in 1927. A wooded trail leads down to it from the grass field that serves as a parking lot.

Anna Rodrigues a reporter for Travel Notes describes the experience in 2003 as follows:

"Skaters leisurely skate to gentle tunes from the 30's to 50's, as well as the occasional waltz. Couples of all ages are seen skating hand-in-hand as if in a romantic trance. Children are left to skate on their own without fear of getting lost or being trampled.

Along with the hot chocolate, a concession sells coffee, donuts and steaming hot apple cider that was made to sip slowly on the large deck facing the rink."

Another description of the arena is as follows:

"The wooden chalet that fronts the rink is original. It's draped in twinkling green and white lights and is heated by a wood-burning stove. Most names scrawled on the walls inside date back to rink's early days. I found "Walter Reesor, 1935"; the access road is named after the Reesor family. The thick wooden benches are well-worn and scuffed from 75 years of use

Nothing ever changes at Cedarena. It is, as it ever was, a simple skating rink with natural ice, music and lights. That's what makes it special.

Outside, a fanfare of waltzes and music from the 30s and 40s pumps from loudspeakers hung on trees. The rink is wider and longer than a standard hockey rink, encircled by white boards with a green trim".

Architectural and Cultural Landscape Attributes

The Cedarena, established in 1926 by the Cedar Community Club for the use of area residents, remains an excellent example of the community spirit which thrives in the Village of Cedar Grove. Not only does it attract Markham residents, but those from the suburbs of Pickering and Toronto come to skate on this natural outdoor rink. Part of its natural beauty is the landscape surrounding the rink. The "Cedarena" sign at the entrance

leads visitors down a winding path to the flats beside the river where tall cedars, willows and pines surround the rink. The rink is complete with the traditional wood horizontal boards around the outside, the skate house which incorporates the original building from the original site, and the layout beside the Little Rouge River add to the charm of its setting.

Contextual Attributes

The Cedarena is one of Markham's most significant cultural heritage resources. Based in the community of Cedar Grove and operated by a local community group of volunteers, it is an outstanding example of the preservation of a natural ice rink and surrounding landscape.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. Natural ice rink form with horizontal boarding;
2. Natural landscape of the surrounding area;
3. Skate house incorporating the earlier relocated structure.