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June 23, 2004

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**JUL 5 - 2004**  
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	Cedarena
	7373 Reesor Road
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
2004-106	9529 Reesor Road
2004-107	Samuel Reesor Homestead
✓ 2004-108	7450 Reesor Road
	Tran House and Barn
	7914 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
	<u>William Lapp House</u>
	<u>7399 Reesor Road</u> ?
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

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## BY-LAW 2004-108

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The William Lapp House

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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 The William Lapp House, 7399 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:

The William Lapp House  
7399 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  
27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

"Sheila Birrell"

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SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

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DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-108**

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

Lot 3, Concession 10

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

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## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-108

### STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Willaim Lapp House 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

The house located at 7399 Reesor Rd. was built on the W. part of Lot 3, Concession 10.

Originally a Crown Reserve, the lot was leased to the Reesor and Lapp families early in its history. In 1847 Samuel Reesor received the patent to the E ½ 100 acres and in 1859 the patent to the E ½ of the W ½, 50 acres. David Lapp, son of Henry Lapp, received the patent to the remaining 50 acres of the W ½ of the W ½ in 1859. It appears from the census of 1851 that David (b.1830) was living on the property with three of his siblings, Peter (b. 1821), Joseph (b. 1833) and Mary (b.1835) in the frame house close to the 10<sup>th</sup> Concession. As part of the Village of Cedar Grove, Lot 3 was the site of the first P.O., and early general stores in this busy little hamlet.


Henry Lapp arrived in Upper Canada in about 1803 where he first settled in Ancaster before petitioning for land in Markham. It seems that his first request was refused. In 1804 he came to Markham and purchased Lot 2, Concession 10 from John Campbell. Henry and his wife Elizabeth Waldenbarger lived on this lot in a log house until his death in 1844. They had ten children together. After Henry's death the 200 acres of Lot 2 was left to his wife until she remarried. In 1851 she and William were living together and the other children had moved to Lot 3.

After the time of her marriage to John Schnell, in 1862, Elizabeth divided the lot between three on her sons. David received the centre 68 acres, Joseph the W part, 65 acres and William the E part of 66 acres. These three parcels and the adjoining lot on the W part of Lot 3 (50 acres) seemed to be pass back and forth among the brothers during the next 20 years. Henry had also owned property in both Pickering Township and Uxbridge at the time of his death, which was divided between his children.

In 1857 William Lapp purchased 1 ½ acres of Lot 3 and it seems that it was about this time that he built the 1 ½ storey frame building. It is not known whether William resided at this house or if it was built for his mother before her second marriage. The census of 1861 lists his mother Elizabeth and her husband John Schnell, a post master and Inn keeper, as living in the 1 ½ storey frame dwelling. William eventually moved to Uxbridge where he operated a business in marble monuments. He was a noted stone mason throughout the area.

#### Architectural Attributes

This 1 ½ storey frame, Georgian Vernacular Style house is 5 bays x 2 bays (originally 2 x 2) and built on a T- shaped plan. The original front entrance appears to be on the front facing gable end. The kitchen tail has been widened to fill in what was once an enclave with verandah. The cladding is of vertical board and batten and the roof is of a medium pitch gable with plain boxed cornice. The rectangular window openings are of a consistent size with 6/6 pane division. Plain wood trim surrounds both the doors and windows. There is a 1 storey full width open verandah on the front of the house.



#### Contextual Attributes

The William Lapp house is of contextual significance for its association with the village of Cedar Grove and the surrounding agricultural areas. Henry Lapp was one of the earliest settlers to arrive in this part of Markham in 1803 and many of his descendants continue to reside and farm in the south east part of Markham.

#### Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations with a 6/6 Pane Division;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone foundation;
4. The original roofline;
5. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling;
6. Board and Batten Siding.