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June 23, 2004

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CONSERVATION REVIEW
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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	<u>George Miller Tenant House</u> 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 2004-99

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The George Miller Tenant 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 George Miller Tenant House, 7551 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 George Miller Tenant House
7551 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 2004-99

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

Lot 4, Concession 10

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-99

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The George Miller Tenant 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 George Miller Tenant House was built on Lot 4, Concession 10 by George Miller who purchased the property in 1855 from Thomas Anderson. The full 200 acre parcel was originally patented by Abraham Cutter in 1804. His heir, George Cutter was granted the lot in Mar. 1817, but just 9 months later Samuel Ridout, the towns Sheriff, awarded the parcel to Colin Drummond for 95 pounds.

Lot 4 was sold, in 1836 to Thomas Anderson whose family it remained in until 1855 when it was sold to George Miller. George Miller (1797-1880) married to Catherine Somerville (1820-1898) arrived from Dumfries Scotland in 1832 and settled first on Lot 16, Conc. 9, later acquiring Lot 20 and various other properties. By 1878 George had become one of the major landowners in the eastern part of Markham Township. It appears that several of his properties were tenanted. He imported Leicester and Cotswold sheep as well as Shorthorn Durham cattle. He helped organize the Provincial Exhibition and encouraged other breeders to improve their stock.

George and Catherine had ten children who were raised on the family farm know as Rigfoot Farm. Their daughter Jane (1852-1934) who was married to David Reesor (1845-1927) would go on to inherit, in 1879, the E ½ of Lot 4, Concession 10 after her father's death. Another daughter, Elizabeth Ross received the W ½. Eventually Jane and David Reesor purchased the W ½ from her sister Elizabeth. It appears that during the ownership by the Miller family and their descendants the property, according to the 1851, 1861 and 1871 Census, was always rented out. In 1894 it was sold out of the family to Charles Milnes as part of a settlement decision by the High Court of Justice.

On the 1853, 56 and 78 Maps of Markham Township, George Miller is shown as the owner of the property. Both the Census of 1851 and 1861 list tenant farmers living on the W ½ in a 1 storey log dwelling. It seems that it was after 1861 that the present dwelling was constructed to replace the original log dwelling on the property at a time when the village of Cedar Grove was developing.

Architectural Attributes

The 1 ½ storey Georgian Neo Classical Style house is constructed of red brick. Built c.1861 on a rectangular plan, the dwelling is 3 bays x 2 bays. The roof is of a medium pitch gable with plain boxed cornice and returned eaves. The window openings are rectangular with 6/6 pane division, plain wood trim and lugsills. The entrance is central on the front façade with a flat transom and plain wood trim. There is a single chimney mid side left. The existing tail of the structure is clad in a different style of brick than the front and appears to be a more recent addition.

Contextual Attributes

The George Miller Tenant house is of significance for its association with the rural agricultural area surrounding the village of Cedar Grove. Set back from the road with its collection of interesting outbuildings the house is a reminder of the prominent Miller family who acquired land throughout the east part of Markham.

See

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone foundation;
4. Brick cladding;
5. The brick chimney.

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