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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	<u>John Wurtz House</u> <u>8847 Reesor Road</u>
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 9529 Reesor Road
2004-106	Samuel Reesor Homestead 7450 Reesor Road
2004-107	Tran House and Barn 7914 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 2004-100

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The John Wurtz 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 John Wurtz House, 8847 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 John Wurtz House  
8847 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"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-100**

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

Lot 13, Concession 10

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-100

### STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The John Wurtz (Wurts) 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 John Wurtz House is believed to have been built c.1835 by John Wurtz. John Wurtz received the patent to Lot 13, Concession 10 in Nov. of 1802. In 1830 he sold the E ½ 47 acres to Joseph McNeely for 87.10 pounds. In 1843 John Wurtz sold the W ¾ to his son Elias Wurtz (b. 1821). The remaining 150 acres remained in the Wurtz family until 1857 when it was sold to Francis Pike.

John Wurtz, (1766-1855) his wife (Westbrook) and his family of eight children arrived in Niagara from Pennsylvania in 1799. It appears that the Wurtz family along with families of Abraham Moore, John Marr and Issac Westbrook traveled together reaching Markham Township in 1802. According to the Berczy Census of 1803 John's wife had passed away within a year of arriving in the township, leaving him with 7 children. John was married a second time to Mrs. John Marr (Barbara Brooks) about 1808. This union produced another ten children. (Over the years the Wurtz name was changed in spelling to Wurts.) It is believed that the stone house was constructed c.1835, according to local assessment.

George McPhillips Map of 1853 illustrates the dwelling in the same approximate location as it exists today.

Elias Wurts was born April 17, 1821 in Markham and on Dec. 28, 1843 was married to Mary Burkholder. It was after his marriage that John Wurts, his father, sold the W ¾ to Elias for 250.0 pounds. John died in 1855 and was buried in the family cemetery at the back of the property overlooking the Little Rouge River. His first wife was probably the first burial in this family cemetery in 1802, although no marker exists for her now. Elias sold the property to Francis Pike in 1857. It was on the north part of this property that the school for section # 22 was constructed. Descendants of Francis Pike continue to reside and farm this property.

#### Architectural Attributes

The John Wurtz House is a square 1-storey, Regency Style house constructed out of fieldstone with a hipped roof. The windows on the building are wood, double hung and of a 12/2 pane division. It is believed that the windows were originally of a 12/12 pane division. The west façade, facing Reesor Road is 3 bays wide with a center doorway flanked by two 12/2 windows. On the south elevation, the façade is an asymmetrical four bay façade.

The house features large basement windows with an 8/4-pane division.

It is believed that the south façade was the main entrance to the building.

The east elevation features a newer small frame addition. Also visible on this façade is an original brick chimney.

#### Contextual Attributes

The Elias Wurtz House is an important contributor to the historic agricultural landscape along the rouge river and is one of the earliest reminders of the Loyalist settlement along the Rouge Valley in the vicinity of Locust Hill.

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Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations with multi-paned windows;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone wall with brick voussiors;
4. The original roofline;
5. Brick Chimney
6. Frame addition on east elevation;
7. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling.

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