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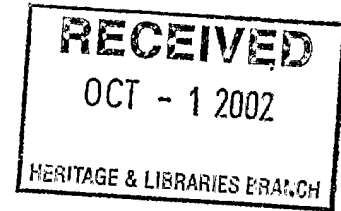


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September 26, 2002



Dear [REDACTED]

Re: By-Law #2002-200 – To Designate Property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Jonathan Gowland House - 9486 McCowan Road ✓

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on September 3, 2002 passed By-law 2002-200 to designate the "Jonathan Gowland House", 9486 McCowan Road, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A registered copy of the by-law is attached for your information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Birrell".

Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

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c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Mr. R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

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2002-200

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Jonathan Gowland 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:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Jonathan Gowland House, located at 9486 McCowan Road, Markham, having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

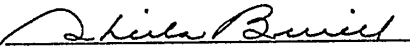
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. THAT the following real property, 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 Jonathan Gowland House
9486 McCowan 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 property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002.


TOWN CLERK


MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2002-200

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

Part Lot 17, Conccssion 6 (MKM), PT 1 65R17629
TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2002-200

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Jonathan Gowland House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The house at 9486 McCowan Road was built c.1877 by Jonathan Gowland and may incorporate elements of an earlier frame structure built circa 1850 by John Butts.

The house is located on the east half of Lot 17, Concession 6 which was originally granted to Ulrich Emelius Westphalen. In 1807, Westphalen sold the eastern 100 acres to Peter Remus.

Remus divided the 100-acre east half lot into two 50-acre parcels and sold them off. In 1818, John Butts purchased the eastern quarter lot on which the house known municipally as 9486 McCowan Road is located. Butts retained ownership of this property until 1868 when he sold to Mathew Forster. Forster sold the 50-acre parcel back to Butts in 1870 but John Butts flipped the property later the same year to Archibald M. Forster.

John Butts served in the War of 1812, being listed as a private on the muster roll of a detachment from the First Regiment of the York Militia. On a record of votes case during an election in Markham Township on January 1832, John Butts is listed as having voted for William Lyon Mackenzie. John Butts is listed at this location on the 1846-47, 1850-51, and 1866 Commercial Directories. He is also listed at this location on the 1851 and 1851 Census Reports. His household includes his wife, Ann nee Parker and hired hands and/or domestic help but no children. The Butts home is described on both Census Reports as a one-storey frame dwelling.

In 1843, a Mathew Gowland purchased the western 50 acres of the east half of Lot 1, Concession 6. According to the 1855 Assessment Roll for Markham Township, Mathew Gowland was a resident of Vaughan Township. His relationship to Jonathan is unknown at this time though it appears likely that he was Jonathan's father. Mathew Gowland is included on an 1846-47 list of subscribers to the Wesleyan Methodist Congregation that opened a chapel south of Hunter's Corners (Just north of Unionville public school). Brown's 1846-47 Directory of Toronto City and the Home District also lists Mathew Golden (likely a misspelling of Gowland) at Lot 17, Concession 6 but no other records of Mathew Gowland have been located to date.

Jonathan Gowland purchased the eastern 50 acres of the east half of Lot 17, Concession 6 in 1872 from Archibald M. Forster who had just purchased the parcel from John Butts in 1870. Jonathan is first listed on Lot 17, Concession 6 on the 1868 Assessment Roll for Markham Township as a freeholder, owning 50 acres in Lot 18 and 20 acres in Lot 16, Concession 6, thus suggesting that he had inherited the property from Mathew. By 1874, the Assessment Roll lists Jonathan Gowland as the owner of 100 acres (the entire eastern half) of Lot 18, Concession 6.

The Ministry of Revenue Regional Assessment Office (York) lists the date of construction as 1880 under the category 'estimated and renovated'.

An increase in the assessed value between 1877 and 1878 from \$4200 to \$4620 for the 100-acre parcel suggest the home was constructed in 1877. The present structure may incorporate the earlier John Butts home as illustrated on the 1853-54 map of Markham Township and described as a one-storey frame home on the 1851 and 1861 Census Reports.

In 1884, Jonathan Gowland purchased a property on the opposite side of McCowan Road at number 9785 McCowan. It is believed that the property was acquired with providing for his children in mind because on the death of Jonathan in 1891, the family homestead at 9486 McCowan Road was given to his son James, whereas 9785 McCowan Road was granted to his son John. John built a large frame house on the property at 9785 McCowan Road, which was recently restored at number 12 Alexander Hunter Place – Markham Heritage Estates).

James Gowland was a farmer by trade and was an active member of the community as a leading member of the local Methodist church congregation and a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Markham Fair. James Gowland passed away in 1927. His wife Gertrude (Perkins) lived until 1955. They had one daughter, Pearl.

In recent years the Jonathan Gowland House has formed the centrepiece of the Larkin Farms recreational complex.

Architectural Reasons

The Jonathan Gowland house is a 1 ½ storey vernacular yellow brick house built with the influence of a symmetrical Gothic Revival Style. It is believed that the house was built c.1877 though it may incorporate elements of an earlier pre 1850 structure. The house has a three bay facade with a front porch, which appears to have been added at a later time. The house would most probably have had a full width veranda as is evidenced by a nailing strip across the front facade. The house has a unique ogee shaped wood 2/2 windows in the centre gable. Other windows on the house are segmental arched wood, double hung, 2/2 windows. The house has a central doorway with a wood panelled front door with sidelights and transom. The house most likely had louvered wood shutters flanking each window. A drop detail is located in the front gable. It is possible that the drop was part of a larger architectural trim feature in this gable. This would be confirmed by painting and nailing evidence under the eaves. The house most likely originally had gable end chimneys and the roof was originally clad in wood shingles.

The house has a large, 2 storey frame addition to the rear. The rear addition is clad in horizontal wood siding and insulbrick and features 1/1 double hung windows. The design of the rear tail addition provides a strong indication that this was the original frame house, which was lived in by John Butts.

Contextual Reasons

Contextually the building is significant in its exhibition of the rural/agricultural settlement patterns along the concession roads. The house forms part of the rural community grouping of Quantztown.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Jonathan Gowland House is identified as a significant heritage building in the Berczy Village community. The Town of Markham is endeavouring to designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, all significant heritage resources within the Town's urban expansion area. Jonathan Gowland House has been identified for preservation on or adjacent to its existing site within the Berczy Village community.