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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	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 th Avenue
2004-103	Reesor Pioneer Cemetery
2004-104	Reesor Tenant House 7632 Highway #7
2004-105	Samuel Irving House

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cc: T. Anson Cartwright

2004-105

Samuel Irving House

9529 Reesor Road

2004-106

Samuel Reesor Homestead

7450 Reesor Road

2004-107

Tran House and Barn

7914 14th 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,

S. Birrell

Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

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

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BY-LAW 2004-109

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Wurtz Family Cemetery

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 Wurtz Family Cemetery, North of Highway #7, East side of 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 Wurtz Family Cemetery
North of Highway #7, East side of 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"

"Don Cousens"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-109

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

Part of Lot 12, Concession 10

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK



SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-109

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Wurtz Family Cemetery 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 Wurtz family cemetery was established on property at Lot 12, Concession 10, Markham by the Wurtz family as a family burial plot. John's first wife died shortly after their arrival in Markham in 1803. She may have been the first burial in the family cemetery, although no stone is present for her. The cemetery today is marked by three marble headstones of Wurtz family members dating between 1853 and 1855. The plot is at the rear of the farm overlooking the river among a grouping of trees.

The history of the Wurtz family in Markham begins with John Wurtz (Wurts) who settled on Lot 13, Concession 10 after arriving from the United States. He arrived in 1802 through Niagara and traveled with the Abraham Moore and Marr families before arriving in Markham. The Census of 1803 lists John with seven children as living on Lot 13. In 1809 he married for a second time, Mrs. John Marr (Barbara Brooks), and together they had ten children. In 1838 John purchased the E ½ of Lot 12, Concession 10. By 1844, his son, Elias retained ownership of 150 acres of Lot 13 and 100 acres on the E ½ of lot 12. It is of some interest that the cemetery is presently located on the W ½ of Lot 12 and not at Lot 13. In 1855 John Wurtz passed away at the age of 89 and was buried in the cemetery.

Architectural Attributes

The most visible features of the Wurtz Family Cemetery are the three mid-19th Century marble headstones. John's headstone, although now laying flat, is legible. The two remaining have been broken and their inscription is difficult to read. For approximately forty years, marble was the preferred gravestone medium and examination of these gravestones reveals the height of personalization and individualization. Marble gravestones engulfed the gravestone market beginning in the mid 1850's and by 1865, marble was the only medium employed for gravestones. Carved by local sculptors, marble offered personalization, plus elegance in the appearance of the gravestone. However, by 1890, the less desirable aspects of this medium became evident. Marble weathered rapidly so that gravestones erected for only a couple of decades were already deteriorating. As a result, by the end of the 19th Century, Granite became the preferred material for headstones.

Contextual Attributes

The Wurtz Family Cemetery is of contextual significance as an important reminder of the last resting place of members of one of Markham's earliest pioneer families

Significant Heritage Attributes to be preserved:

- Historic Marble Headstones
- Historic 19th Century gravesite

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