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January 19, 2012

Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV*:

John B. Miller House 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E
James Brison Johnson House 10295 Ninth Line
John Boyles House 11190 York Durham Line
Richard Tarr House 7368 Elgin Mills Road E
David Burke House 10531 Reesor Road
Wellington Wideman House 11201 Reesor Road
James Collins House 11223 Reesor Road
Noble Tenant Farmer's House 11122 Reesor Road
Adam Betz House 10676 Reesor Road

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham
Attention: Judy Carroll
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

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A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 10295 Ninth Line

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James Brison Johnson House

West Half Lot 22, Concession 9

10295 Ninth Line

c.1915

The James Brison Johnson House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The James Brison Johnson House is a two and a half storey frame dwelling located on the east side of Ninth Line, just north of Major Mackenzie Drive East. The house faces south, not far from the road.

Design or Physical Value

The James Brison Johnson House is a good example of a frame farmhouse in the American Foursquare style. Its design and detailing are typical of the simplified character of Markham's post-Victorian rural houses built in the early years of the 20th century. This frame example is noteworthy as most houses of this type that were constructed in Markham Township were faced in red pressed brick.

Historical or Associative Value

The James Brison Johnson House has historical value for its association with James Brison Johnson (who went by the name Brison), a farmer, whose lived on the property from the early 20th century until 1967. The Johnston family were established in the immediate area as early as 1827, when Cornelius Johnson purchased a neighbouring property. The present house at 10295 Ninth Line was probably built by the Johnson family some time between 1914 and 1925, and may have replaced an earlier house on the property.

Contextual Value

The house at 10295 Ninth Line remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community on the outskirts of the historic neighbourhood of Milnesville.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the James Brison Johnson House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two and a half storey height, cubic plan, one storey sidewing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with original wood siding underlying the existing vinyl cladding;
- Hipped roof with hipped roofed dormer and wide overhanging eaves;
- Gable-roof of the sidewing, with the slope continuing over a full-width veranda;
- Red brick chimney;
- Hipped roofed wrap-around veranda formerly supported on full-height, wood Tuscan columns;
- Flat-headed door and window openings now with replacement windows but previously with wood, one over one sash windows, based on the style of the house and the date of construction.