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## BY-LAW 2012-70

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
Wellington Wideman 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 cultural heritage 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:

Regional Director  
Programs and Pickering Lands Branch  
Ontario Region, Transport Canada  
Attn: Rob Bergevin  
4900 Yonge Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Wellington Wideman House, 11201 Reesor Road, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper 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 cultural heritage value or interest:  
  
Wellington Wideman House  
11201 Reesor Road  
Markham, ON
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  
3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

"Kimberley Kitteringham"

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2012-70**

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

LT 26 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 27 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 28 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 29 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 30 CON 10 MARKHAM EXCEPT MA40158 & MA65826; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2012-70**

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

#### **Wellington Wideman House Lot 28, Concession 10 11201 Reesor Road c.1910**

The Wellington Wideman 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 Wellington Wideman House is a two and a half storey red brick dwelling located on the east side of Reesor Road, approximately half way between Elgin Mills Road East and Nineteenth Avenue. The house faces south, and due to its setback, cannot be seen from the road.

##### **Design or Physical Value**

The Wellington Wideman House is a good example of an American Foursquare style house in red pressed brick. Its design and detailing are typical of the simplified character of Markham's post-Victorian rural houses built in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The wrap-around veranda, supported on simple Tuscan columns resting on brick pedestals, is a significant decorative feature.

##### **Historical or Associative Value**

The Wellington Wideman House has historical value for its association with Wellington Wideman, a member of a prominent Pennsylvania-German family. Wellington Wideman, a farmer, was a great-grandson of the Reverend Henry Wideman, who came to Markham from Pennsylvania in 1803. Henry Wideman was one of the first ordained Mennonite ministers in Upper Canada.

##### **Contextual Value**

The house at 11201 Reesor Road remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners.

##### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Wellington Wideman House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two and a half storey height, cubic plan, and the volume of the structure;
- Red pressed brick wall construction with red brick arches over door and window openings;
- Truncated hipped roof with hipped roofed dormers, wide overhang, and wood soffits;
- Red brick chimney with corbelled cap;
- Hipped roofed wrap-around veranda supported on wood Tuscan columns resting on red brick pedestals, and the simple wood railing that formerly existed;
- Original door and window openings with brick arches and projecting window sills, with the windows presumed to be wood, one over one sash windows, based on the style of the house and the date of construction.