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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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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:

Jarvis-Fairty House
6350 Steeles Avenue
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday , May 28, 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

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

Yours truly

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Markham • Clerk's Department

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For Heritage Designation By-Law for 6350 Steeles Avenue

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jarvis-Fairty House

“Fairwood Farms”

c.1890

Expanded and Remodelled 1961

6350 Steeles Avenue

The Jarvis-Fairty 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 Jarvis-Fairty House is located on the north side of Steeles Avenue, east of Markham Road, and east of Morningside Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River. The house faces south.

Design and Physical Value

The Jarvis-Fairty House has design and physical value as a good example of the Colonial Revival style. It is an evolved building that began as a modest, centre-gabled Classic Ontario farmhouse that was expanded with an addition to the east, and remodelled into the form of a Colonial Revival style rural residence.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value as it represents two periods of agricultural development in the community of Armadale, the first phase being c.1890 when Richard Jarvis, a son of English immigrants that lived in Box Grove, established a farmstead on the former property of Peter Milne Junior. The second phase was the Fairty period of ownership beginning in 1939, when Elmer and Anna Fairty purchased the property from the estate of Anna Jarvis, the widow of Richard Jarvis. In the late 1950s, Fairwood Farms began specializing in sod, supplying suburban lots surrounding the city of Toronto as post-war development boomed. Their son, Howard Fairty, and his wife, Muriel were responsible for the renovations to the former Jarvis farmhouse in 1961.

Contextual Value

The Jarvis-Fairty House has contextual value for representing the former rural character of the community of Armadale. Constructed in c.1890, it is one of only a few remaining heritage buildings in the area.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Jarvis-Fairty House include:

- Overall form of the building, with its one and a half storey height, rectangular plan of its main block, and the one and half storey rear wing;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Wood frame wall construction with vertical tongue and groove wood siding underlying the modern cladding;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves and gable-roofed dormers;
- Six over six sash-style windows;
- Louvered shutters;
- Front doorcase with its panelled wood door and multi-paned transom and sidelights;
- Flat-roofed front porch supported on slender wood posts;
- Red brick fireplace and chimney on the west gable end.