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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 City 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*:

Arthur Wegg House
10539 Kennedy Road
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Statement of Significance

Arthur Wegg House

10539 Kennedy Road

c.1922

The Arthur Wegg 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 following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Arthur Wegg House is located on the east side of Kennedy Road, in a rural setting north of Unionville. The house is south of a barn complex on the same property, associated with the Forsythe Family Farms Country Market.

Design and Physical Value

The Arthur Wegg House has design and physical value as a typical example of the modest, simply detailed residences built in Markham in the first quarter of the 20th century. Its architectural detailing reflects the Edwardian Classicism that was popular from the 1910s through the 1920s. The house was constructed in a modified form of an American Foursquare, with its functional, compact shape ornamented with a corner porch. The red pressed brick cladding and two storey form of the house, with a broad hipped roof, is representative of up-to-date farm residences that were locally built in the early part of the 20th century.

Historical and Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value as the former house of Arthur and Sarah Wegg, when they retired from farming and left the farm in the hands of their son, Telfer. Arthur Wegg was the son of English immigrants William and Mary Wagg, who came to Markham in the 1860s. The family name was spelled "Wegg" in later generations.

The house is believed to have been constructed c.1922 by John Miller, a prominent local builder who is credited with building many of the red brick houses in Unionville and vicinity, and the old arena at the Markham Fairgrounds. Wegg descendant owned the property until 1960. Since 1986, the property has been the location of Forsythe Family Farms Country Market, a community landmark.

Contextual Value

The Arthur Wegg House has contextual value as one of a number of older buildings clustered around the historic crossroads community of Cashel. It is a tangible reminder of the community's

past as a prosperous agricultural area. The house illustrates the trend of farm improvement over time, and is a good example of an early 20th century farm residence exhibiting features typical of Edwardian Classicism in Southern Ontario.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Arthur Wegg House include:

- L-plan shape;
- Red brick walls with segmental brick arches over window openings;
- Masonry foundation;
- Medium pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves;
- Hipped-roofed corner porch with closed gable at the corner, supported on wooden Tuscan columns on brick piers with concrete caps, and brick railing with basket-weave brick pattern, capped with concrete coping, and skirted with basket-weave brickwork;
- Corner stairs of front porch, with brick sidewalls with concrete coping;
- One over one single hung windows with concrete sills.
- Decorative leaded glass window.