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June 24, 2010

Ontario Heritage Trust
Att: Catherine Axford, Chairman's Executive Assistant
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Catherine. Axford,

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:

Arthur Camplin House
4561 Highway 7
Markham, ON L3R 1M4

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2010** 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 for the proposed designation is attached.

Yours truly

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Arthur Camplin House c.1925

4561 Highway 7

The Arthur Camplin 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 Arthur Camplin House is a two storey red brick dwelling located at the south west corner of Highway 7 and Meadowbrook Lane. The building faces north, onto Highway 7. The house has been converted to a private school. To the south is a woodlot overlooking the Rouge River.

Historical Value

The Arthur Camplin House is of cultural heritage value for its association with the early 20th century period of development in Unionville, and represents the growing importance of Highway 7 in the life of the community as the automobile and motor truck became the dominant means of transportation. The house has associative value as the former home of the Camplin family, constructed c.1925 on land originally granted by the Crown to William Berczy, and later owned by Berczy settler Philip Eckardt and his descendants.

The house has further associative value as an example of the work of a noteworthy local builder, John Miller, who constructed many brick houses in early 20th century Markham Township. Miller built the old arena on the original Markham Fairgrounds, was instrumental in the reconstruction of the Bethesda Lutheran Church, and built most of the Edwardian Classical, foursquare variety of houses in Unionville.

Architectural Value

The Arthur Camplin House is a well-preserved, representative example of Edwardian Classical architecture. The house was built in the early part of the 20th century and defines the evolution in residential architecture at that time from the ornament of the late Victorian era to the more simplified, compact and functional forms demonstrated in this house.

Contextual Value:

The Arthur Camplin House is an important contributor to the character of the Unionville community in its position next to the entrance to the heritage district. The house is an important anchor of heritage building stock in an area that has been transformed from an agricultural landscape to its present suburban form. The house is set adjacent to the Rouge River valley, which provides an important cultural landscape context.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Arthur Camplin House include:

- Overall form of the building, with its irregular plan, corner porch and two storey height;
- Concrete foundation;
- Red brick walls with flat stone arches over openings;
- Hipped roof with wide overhang and tongue and groove wood, flat soffits;
- Single stack red brick chimney;
- Flat-arched wood windows with a one over one glazing configuration and projecting stone sill;
- Leaded glass accent windows;
- Corner porch with hipped roof and closed pediment, supported on brick piers resting on stone bases, and decorative brick railing;
- Wood front door, with glazed and panelled sidelights;

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