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June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 2013-57 - To designate certain property as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (John Koch Farmhouse – 12 Heritage Corners Lane).

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on May 13, 2013, passed By-law 2013-57, which designated the "John Koch Farmhouse", 12 Heritage Corners Lane, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

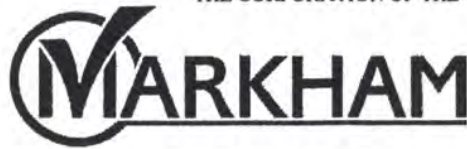
Sincerely,

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

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

Encl.

cc: The Ontario Heritage Trust  
R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning



## BY-LAW 2013-57

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
John Koch Farmhouse

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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 City of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the John Koch Farmhouse, 12 Heritage Corners Lane 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 CITY 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:  
  
John Koch Farmhouse  
12 Heritage Corners Lane  
City of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York
2. THAT the City 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  
13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2013.

"Kimberley Kitteringham"

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
CITY CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2013-57**

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

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CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 12 Heritage Corners Lane

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **John Koch Farmhouse c. 1865**

#### **12 Heritage Corners Lane**

The John Koch Farmhouse 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 John Koch House was relocated to Markham Heritage Estates at 12 Heritage Corners Lane in 2008. It was previously located at 10044 Hwy. 48 at the northwest corner of Hwy. 48 and Major Mackenzie Drive, which was once known locally as "Wideman's Corners"

#### **Historical and Associative Value**

The John Koch Farmhouse possesses historical and associative value for its connections to the prosperous, Pennsylvania German, Mennonite community that was responsible for the early settling and farming of Markham Township.

The property was first purchased from the Crown by Andrew Wideman in 1844. The Wideman family originated in the Swiss canton of Zurich, and immigrated to Philadelphia in 1733. In 1803, members of the Wideman family came to settle and farm in Markham Township. The concentration of Wideman farms in the area of Hwy. 48 and Major Mackenzie Drive resulted in the area being called "Wideman Corner's" by locals for many years. In 1849, Andrew Wideman sold the 100 acres at the northwest corner of Hwy. 48 and Major Mackenzie Drive to his son-in-law, John Koch who had recently married Andrew Wideman's daughter Mary.

The Koch family was another Pennsylvania German Mennonite family that came to Markham in the very late 18<sup>th</sup> century following the arrival of the Berczy Settlers. John Koch constructed this house, circa 1865, prior to selling his former house which was constructed sometime between 1844 and 1851, and still remains at the same corner of Hwy 48. and Major Mackenzie Drive. In 1871, John Koch sold his first house, along with 97 acres, to his brother-in-law Jacob Wideman, keeping the new house, and 3 acres for himself. It is believed that John Koch constructed the *Gross Doddy* addition shortly after constructing the main house, to provide living quarters for him and his wife, in their older age, while his adopted daughter Elizabeth Wagner and her husband William Stiver occupied the rest of the house.

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

The John Koch Farmhouse is also an excellent example of a traditional Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmhouse that evolved over time to include a *Gross Doddy* addition. The simple, forthright, unembellished vernacular Georgian Tradition architecture style of the house, and the *Gross Doddy* addition, reflect the building traditions and values of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite farming community that still exists in the area to this day.



### **Contextual Value**

Although removed from its original location and context at 10044 Hwy 48, the John Koch Farmhouse has taken on new contextual value by being relocated and restored in the Markham Heritage Estates subdivision. This unique development was created to provide a home for significant Markham heritage buildings that were considered threatened with loss, if left in their original locations. At Markham Heritage Estates, relocated dwellings are restored according to extremely strict guidelines that provide a showcase of the best practices in heritage restoration and conservation.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John Koch Farmhouse include:

- The original building footprint and form, including the characteristic Pennsylvania German *Gross Doddy* addition;
- The moderately pitched roofs with cedar shingles;
- The board and moulded batten siding of the main house, and the vertical tongue and groove siding of the *Gross Doddy* addition;
- The original window and door openings;
- The original 6 over 6, and 2 over 2 wooden windows;
- The restored front veranda with bell-cast roof, wooden railing, and turned wooden posts;
- The restored red brick gable end bracket chimneys;
- The solid wood, four panelled door with bolection mouldings with upper window transom;

The new foundation with a facing of granite fieldstone resembling a traditional rubble foundation.