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April 28, 2016

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:

Franklin H. Raymer House
6840 Fourteenth Avenue
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016** 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 read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Franklin H. Raymer House
6840 Fourteenth Avenue
c.1895

The Franklin H. Raymer 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 Franklin H. Raymer House is a one and a half storey frame building located on the north side of Fourteenth Avenue, east of Ninth Line, within the historic hamlet of Box Grove.

Historical or Associative Value

The Franklin H. Raymer House is of historical or associative value as the c.1895 home of Franklin Herbert Raymer, one of the sons of John Noble Raymer and Christina (Reesor) Raymer. The Raymers were among a number of Pennsylvania-German Mennonite families that came to Markham Township in the early nineteenth century, and are considered to be the founders of the Mount Joy community north of Markham Village. Franklin H. Raymer was a successful farmer in Box Grove and in the latter part of the nineteenth century, operated the Box Grove-Cedar Grove cheese factory established by his father in the late 1860s. His descendents owned the property until 1969.

Design or Physical Value

The Franklin H. Raymer House is a representative example of a vernacular building which has evolved to suit the needs and aesthetic tastes of later owners. It was designed as a simple, modestly-scaled dwelling intended to serve a small farm. Its scale suits the village context into which it was built. Although alterations have taken place over time, the original building remains discernable and restorable based on an archival photograph dated 1908.

Contextual Value

The Franklin H. Raymer House is one of several nineteenth century buildings that remain within and help define the historic hamlet of Box Grove. It remains on its original site and acts as a reminder of the agricultural community that formerly existed around the crossroads community.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Franklin H. Raymer House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the main one and a half storey T-shaped block, the one storey rear lean-to, and the remnants of the south, east and west verandas;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves on the main block;
- Decorative wooden fretwork brackets on the front and west side porches;
- Turned wood posts on the west side porch;
- 2 over 2 wood windows where they remain;
- Original window and door openings where they remain;