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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH  
*Nancy Smith*

RE: BY-LAW 255-91, TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY  
AS BEING OF HISTORIC AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE  
OR INTEREST ( ) - THE THOMAS  
MCQUAY HOUSE, 8 ALEXANDER HUNTER PLACE, LOT 31,  
PLAN 65M-2761 (36-0)

Dear Sir:

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on November 26, 1991, passed By-law 255-91 to designate the Thomas McQuay House, 8 Alexander Hunter Place, being Lot 31, Plan 65M-2761, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part 4 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

By-law 255-91 was registered under Instrument No. LT805891 on December 11, 1991.

Yours truly,

Christine Palmer (Mrs.), A.M.C.T.  
Deputy Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 255-91

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A by-law to designate a certain property as  
being of Historic and/or Architectural  
value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29, Subsection 6 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Thomas McQuay House, 8 Alexander Hunter Place, being Lot 31, Plan 65M-2761, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;


NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, being The Thomas McQuay House, municipally known as 8 Alexander Hunter Place, further described as Lot 31, Plan 65M-2761, is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.



GARY F. ROSEBLADE, CLERK



ACTING MAYOR

THE THOMAS McQUAY HOUSE

The Thomas McQuay House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical and architectural significance.

Thomas McQuay, an Irish immigrant who arrived in Ontario c. 1830, built this home c. 1855 on the east half of Lot 10, Concession 4. The McQuays, successful farmers and prominent members of Brown's Corners Presbyterian Church, retained ownership of this property from 1834-1973.

The 1½-storey, Classic Revival structure with Gothic Revival features is L-shaped in plan. The main house is 3 x 2 bays with one-storey kitchen extension to the rear. Clad in red brick, laid in common bond with a 4-course plinth, the house has been relocated onto a fieldstone veneer foundation at its present site.

The windows are rectangular with plain wood trim and lugsills. The main windows have 12/12 pane division. All windows on the tail and upper floor are 2/2 except the west window on the second floor of the north facade which is 6/6 and most likely original. The two original Venetian windows on the front facade are outstanding. Each has a 9/9 sash flanked by two 6-pane sidelights.

The main entrance is rectangular and centrally located on the west facade. The door is surrounded by plain wood trim, partial sidelights with moulded panels below and a flat, full-width transom. A rectangular suicide door is located under the centre gable above the main entrance.

The roof is a low pitch gable with a centre gable on the front. The roof is trimmed with a moulded frieze and plain boxed cornice with returned eaves.

Of particular interest are the original decorative wood features found in the interior of the Thomas McQuay House. These include the door and window trim and baseboard mouldings on the ground floor, the fireplace mantel and decorative panel below the Venetian window in the north, front room on the main floor, the Cross and Bible front door, the four-panel parlour doors and the hook boards in the second storey bedrooms.