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May 24, 2018

Via Registered Mail

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:

Joseph Wideman House
5 Heritage Corners Lane
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham
Attention: Mary-Jane Courchesne
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax: 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', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Statement of Significance

Joseph Wideman House

1891

5 Heritage Corners Lane

The Joseph Wideman 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 Joseph Wideman House is a relocated heritage building on the east side of Heritage Corners Lane in Markham Heritage Estates, a community of relocated heritage buildings. The Wideman House is a one-and-a-half storey frame building with a rear addition constructed in 2016-2017.

Historical and Associative Value

The Joseph Wideman House has historical and associative value at the former home of Joseph Wideman (1836-1911), who operated a pottery manufacturing business on the west half of Lot 21, Concession 8 from the mid-1870s until 1908. The original location of the house and business was 10015 Highway 48. This dwelling was built in 1891 to replace an earlier residence on the property which may have then been converted to serve as the pottery workshop. In addition to the pottery business, Joseph Wideman repaired clocks and built mouse-traps, and for these specialties he was well-known in the Mennonite community both in Markham Township and Waterloo County. His son, Abram N. Wideman, worked in the pottery from 1886 to 1897.

Design and Physical Value

The Joseph Wideman House has design and physical value as a good example of a rural tradesman's dwelling in a vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style. The L-shaped plan, vertical tongue and groove wood siding and steep gables are typical features of this picturesque architectural style. In this example, decorative elements are limited to segmentally-arched window openings, a lancet window in the gable over the front veranda, and bay windows on the front and south side walls. If bargeboards and other decorative woodwork were once present, no obvious evidence of them remains today.

Contextual Value

The Joseph Wideman House has contextual value as a restored building from the Milnesville community, relocated in 2015 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to abandonment. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes to be Conserved

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of the Joseph Wideman House include:

- One-and-a-half storey, L-plan form of the building;
- Exterior walls of vertical tongue and groove wood siding;
- Natural stone foundation facing;
- Gable roof with wood shingles, projecting eaves and wood soffits, and fascia;
- Reproduction single-stack, corbelled red brick chimney on the south gable end;
- Segmentally-headed one over one sash-style wood windows;
- Canted front bay window;
- Later box bay window on the south gable end wall;
- Lancet window in the gable over the front veranda;
- Single-leaf front door opening with salvaged glazed cottage door of the 1890s period;
- Reproduction front veranda with a low-pitched hipped roof, supported on turned posts.