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Development Services Commission

November 6, 2018

Lucy Lu
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
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Dear Lucy,

I am providing the following designation by-law documents as per your request:

- Bylaw 3-95 David Break House-95 Russell Jarvis Drive
- Bylaw 48-97 John Smith House -50 Peter Street
- Bylaw 66-94 John Welsh House- John Street
- Bylaw 77-89 Sinclair Holden Hagerman House- 3990 14th Avenue

If you require further assistance, please contact the undersigned at (905) 477-7000, extension 2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne Wu'.

Leanne Wu
Administrative Assistant, Policy & Research, Heritage

Development Services Commission

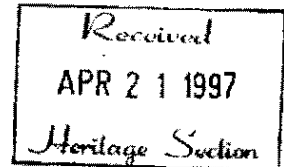


CORPORATE SERVICES COMMISSION
Clerk's Department

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April 9, 1997

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50 Peter Street
Markham, Ontario
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Dear [REDACTED]:

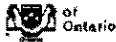
Re: By-Law 48-97 - To designate The James
Smith House, 50 Peter Street, Markham,
as a property of architectural and
historical value or interest pursuant
to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (16.11)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on February 25, 1997, passed
By-Law 48-97, a registered copy of which is attached for your information.

Yours truly,

Janice Harrison
Manager, Secretariat Services

- c. The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation



Document General
Form 1 - Land Registration Reform Act, 1984

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<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>Number: R695934 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION</p> <p>1997 MAR 27 A 11:40</p> <p>YORK REGION L.S. REGISTRY</p> <p><i>aa</i></p> <p>New Property Identifiers</p> <p>Additional: See Schedule <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Execution:</p> <p>Additional: See Schedule <input type="checkbox"/></p>	(1) Registry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Titles <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Page 1 of 5 pages	
	(3) Property Identifier(s) 02906-0216 (R)	Block Property	Additional: See Schedule <input type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Nature of Document BY-LAW NO. 48-97		
	(5) Consideration NIL Dollars \$		
	(6) Description Lot 33, Plan 3905 Town of Markham Regional Municipality of York		
(7) This Document Contains: (a) Redescription New Easement Plan/Sketch <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Schedule for: Description <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Parties <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			

(8) This Document provides as follows:

CERTIFIED COPY OF BY-LAW ATTACHED

Continued on Schedule ☒

(9) This Document relates to instrument number(s)

(10) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)
Name(s)

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF MARKHAM

Signature(s)

Cathy Wyatt
CATHY WYATT

Date of Signature
Y M D

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(11) Address
for service

101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

(12) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)
Name(s)

Signature(s)

Date of Signature
Y M D

(13) Address
for Service

(14) Municipal Address of Property

not assigned

(15) Document Prepared by:

Town of Markham (Legal)
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario
L3R 9W3

Fees and Tax

Registration Fee

Total

MARKHAM

BY - LAW

48-97

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest -
The John Smith House, 50 Peter Street, Markham

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 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:

50 Peter Street
Markham, Ontario
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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The John Smith House, 50 Peter Street, Markham, being Lot 33, Plan 3905, Markham Village, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

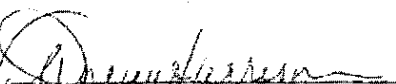
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

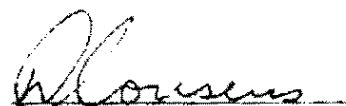
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


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 historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The John Smith House
50 Peter Street
Markham, Ontario
Lot 33, Plan 3905, Markham Village
2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997.


JANICE HARRISON, ACTING CLERK


DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY.

B. PANIZZA

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 48-97

In the Town of Markham,
in the Regional Municipality of York,
legally described as Lot 33, Plan 3905.

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SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW NO. 48-97

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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

Historical Reasons

The John Smith House was built c.1891 for the family of John Smith and his wife Sarah (Cooper) on Lot 9, Concession 5, mid-way between the communities of Brown's Corners and Unionville.

It is believed that the Smith family came to Canada from England in approximately c.1849, when John Smith would have been 29 years of age.

In the 1851 Census of Markham Tsp. John Smith was living with his family in a frame house on Concession 6, Lot 4, near the village of Hagermans Corners. John Smith is listed as a farmer, aged 31, and a member of the Methodist Church. He was living on the property with his wife, Sarah, aged 32, and sons George (13), Thomas (6), daughter Mary (4) and son William (1). William is shown as being born in Canada, while the other children were born in England. John's family is shown to have originated in England while Sarah's family were of Irish origin.

Over the years five more children were born to the Smiths, John (born 1853), Hannah (born 1854), Henry (born 1857), Margaret (born 1859) and James (born 1862).

It was in Hagermans Corners that the Smiths met William McPherson, the first storekeeper in the village, and the person from whom the Smiths would acquire their first property in Markham Township, on Lot 9, Concession 4. McPherson received the crown grant for 100 acres on the east half of the property at Lot 9, Concession 4, in 1856, but based on evidence from historic maps, had apparently occupied the land for a number of years previous to that. John Smith had evidently had business dealings with McPherson concerning the property as early as 1860, but it was not until January 1866 that he purchased the property outright for \$4800.00.

Three years later, in February 1869, John Smith purchased 125 acres of property, immediately across the road on Lot 9, Concession 5 from Alexander Bradburn for \$4750.00. It was on this property that the house, which now stands at 50 Peter Street was later built.

It is believed that for most of their time in the vicinity, the Smiths were residing in a frame house on Lot 9, Concession 4, while they used the land on Lot 9, Concession 5 as additional farming land. The earliest evidence of a house on the property is seen in the Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of York, 1878. This structure was set back considerably further from the road, however, so it is not believed to be the subject house.

The most conclusive evidence for the date of construction of the house is found in the Census of 1891 (conducted in April) where it is revealed that John Smith and his family were living in a wooden house, 2 storeys high with 6 rooms, but that a brick house, 2 storeys high with 10 rooms was under construction. It can be assumed that the brick house mentioned in the Census was the house which now stands at 50 Peter Street.

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SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW NO. 48-97

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The 1891 Census reveals that John Smith was 70 years old at the time, while his wife was 71. Thomas, the eldest son at 44 years of age was living with the family. He is listed as married, but there is no mention of his wife. Other children living on the property include John age 37, Henry age 32, Margaret J. Age 31 and James age 29. All sons are listed as farmers and presumably all worked together to farm the large Smith land holdings which by that time totalled over 300 acres.

Also listed in the household are Sarah, a domestic servant and Lorne and Horace who are grandchildren ages 8 and 6 respectively.

Two of the daughters of John and Sarah Smith had left the household by this point to be married. Mary, born 1849 married the Reverend William Hanson, and later died at Big Flats, New York State. Hannah, born in 1854 married Alexander McGregor and together they had four children, William, John, Alexander and a daughter who would marry Allan Johnston. Hannah died on January 23, 1940.

By the time of the 1901 Census John Smith (jr.) was living on the property at Lot 9, Concession 5 in the brick house. He was there with his wife Lavina, sons William and Clifford and brother in law, William Breeton, who was working as a labourer on the farm for \$18 per month.

Members of the Smith family are buried in the Hagenman Cemetery, Town of Markham.

In 1993, after years of abandonment, the John Smith House was relocated to 50 Peter Street in Markham Village, where it is being restored by its present owners.

Architectural Reasons

The John Smith House is a 2 storey red brick farmhouse, with buff brick accents and is an excellent example of an Ontario farmhouse of the late Gothic Revival Style.

The house is of frame construction and was clad in red brick veneer in a stretcher bond pattern. The house has a steeply pitch hipped roof trimmed with generous eaves. The typical windows on the house were double hung 2/2, with radiating brick lintels and wood sills.

The house has a t-shaped plan, three bays wide and two bays deep on the main section with an original brick tail. The house has been relocated and rests on a fieldstone faced foundation. The front facade exhibits symmetry with a central doorway and a central second storey gable. In the 1920s the central window was adapted into a door, but has recently been restored to a window. Original 2/2 windows on the house have been replaced with modern-double glazed units with imitation muntin bars.

The house is distinguished by extensive buff brick detailing in quoining; belt courses; segmental-headed windows; checkerboard pattern in gables; and angled soldier courses.

Shadowing on the front facade of the house revealed that the building originally had an ornate wood porch, with a bell-cast roof, which enhanced the front entrance. The owners of the house have reconstructed a bell-cast wood porch over the front entrance.

In its original location, the house was distinguished by a one-storey, brick bay window on the present, north elevation. This was removed prior to relocation and has not been restored to date.