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October 3, 2019

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*:

Thomas Lownsbrough House
9392 Kennedy Road
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on November 4, 2019** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham
Attention: Mary-Jane Courchesne
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Email: mjcour@sympatico.ca

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

Appendix 'A'

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas Lownsbrough House

9392 Kennedy Road

c.1845

The Thomas Lownsbrough 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 Thomas Lownsbrough House is a one and a half storey frame house located on the west side of Kennedy Road, an area under urban development, a short distance north of 16th Avenue. The house faces east and is on its original site.

Historical or Associative Value

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of historical or associative value as the c.1845 home of Thomas Lownsbrough, an English-born shoemaker who was part of the Hunter's Corners community north of Unionville while a tenant of John Hunter, and later his daughter, Ada Naomi Hunter, from c.1845 to 1891. In 1892, Miss Hunter sold the property to Reverend Henry B. Owen, Rector of St. Philip's Anglican Church, next door to the north. The Reverend Owen served the church from 1891 until his death in 1899.

Design or Physical Value

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of design or physical value as a representative example of a tradesman's dwelling in a vernacular version of the Gothic Revival style commonly referred to as a Classic Ontario centre gable cottage. It is also a representative example of an evolved building, which started as a modestly-scaled one storey vernacular tradesman's dwelling in the mid-19th century that was later raised to one and a half storeys, perhaps in the 1870s.

Contextual Value

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of contextual value as one of a few cultural heritage features remaining from the historic community of Hunter's Corners.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Thomas Lownsbrough House include:

- Overall form of the one and a half storey, rectangular plan main block;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Historic cladding, if present, under modern siding materials;
- Medium- pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves, and steep centre gable on the front wall;

- Asymmetrical placement of the front door and window openings;
- Size and placement of existing door and window openings;
- Former window opening in front gable, currently covered by modern siding materials.