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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 H. Bruels House
2 Aileen Lewis Court
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 stylized flourish at the end.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Appendix 'A'

Statement of Significance

Thomas H. Bruels House

2 Aileen Lewis Court

c.1895

The Thomas H. Bruels 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 H. Bruels House is a relocated heritage building at the north-east corner of Aileen Lewis Court and Heritage Corners Lane in Markham Heritage Estates, a community of relocated heritage buildings. The Thomas H. Bruels House is a one-and-a-half storey red brick veneered frame building.

Historical and Associative Value

This house was constructed on Lot 34, Concession 8 (12049 Highway 48), near the crossroads community of Ringwood, in the mid-1890s. It has historical and associative value as the former home of Thomas H. Bruels, the grandson of German immigrants Johan and Hannah Bruels, who came to Markham Township in 1828. This house replaced the earlier Bruels family home on the property. The property was owned by the Bruels family until 1950.

Design and Physical Value

The Thomas H. Bruels House, c.1895, is a good example of a late 19th century farmhouse designed with the influence of the Queen Anne Revival style. The front windows, with semi-elliptical shaped transom lights, is a trademark feature of houses built by prominent Stouffville builder Nathan Forsythe, a Bruels family relative by marriage. This suggests that Forsythe may have been the builder of this farmhouse. The front veranda is a replica of the 1890s veranda, with its design based on an archival photograph.

Contextual Value

The Thomas H. Bruels House has contextual value as a restored building from an area of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville which was formerly part of Markham Township, relocated to Markham Heritage Estates in 2008 to save it from demolition. 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 Thomas H. Bruels House include:

- L-plan, 1 ½ storey form;
- Stone facing on the modern foundation;
- Red brick veneer with brick arches over door and window openings;
- Steeply-pitched gable roof with open, overhanging eaves, wood fascia, soffits and bedmould;
- Steeply-pitched centre gable in the ell;
- Typical window openings with 1/1 flat-headed sash-style windows, with projecting sills;
- Large front windows with semi-elliptical arched heads and transom lights, and their projecting sills;
- Glazed and panelled wood front door;
- Replica 1890s veranda with hip roof, turned wood posts, and decorative brackets.