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January 14, 2021  
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:

George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse  
10961 Victoria Square Boulevard  
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received on or before 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2021 at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham  
Attention: Mary-Jane Courchesne  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
Email: [mcourchesne@markham.ca](mailto:mcourchesne@markham.ca)

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK' or similar, with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk  
c. Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

The Corporation of the City of Markham • Clerk's Department  
Anthony Roman Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3 • Website: [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca) • Tel: 905.475.4744 • Fax: 905.479.7771

## **Statement of Significance/Reasons for Designation**

### **George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse**

**c.1860**

**10961 Victoria Square Boulevard**

The George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in following Statement of Significance.

#### **Description of Property**

The George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse is located on the east side of Victoria Square Boulevard, north of the historic community of Victoria Square. The property has transitioned from farmland to residential development.

#### **Design and Physical Value**

The George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse has design value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse designed with elements of the Georgian architectural tradition and the Classic Revival style. Its T-shaped plan with a rear kitchen wing, patterned brickwork, one and a half storey height and symmetry in the placement of openings is characteristic of its period of construction. Brickwork on the west wall has a Flemish bond pattern, an indication of superior craftsmanship.

#### **Historical and Associative Value**

The property has historical and associative value as the former home of George Peach, an English-born farmer, and his wife Isabella Loadman. The Peach family immigrated to Canada about 1830. By the mid-1850s, George and Isabella Peach were well enough established to purchase a farm from King's College and build a fine brick farmhouse circa 1860. The farmhouse contributes to an understanding of the former agricultural community. The family played a significant role in the local Primitive Methodist Church at Victoria Square, and George Peach was an occasional lay preacher at Peach's meeting house, near the crossroads community of Cashel.

#### **Contextual Value**

The George Peach House has contextual value as a farmhouse located within the former farming community that surrounded the historic crossroads community of Victoria Square. The property maintains its original orientation and general proximity to the portion of Woodbine Avenue renamed Victoria Square Boulevard and it now forms a historical landmark surrounded by parkland that marks the north end of the hamlet of Victoria Square.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the George and Isabella Peach Farmhouse include:

- T-shaped plan outline of the original house;
- One and a half storey height and roofline;
- Brick walls with a red brick body decorated with quoins and arches over door and window openings in white brick;
- Gable roof with wide, overhanging eaves with eave returns, asphalt shingles and wood cornice mouldings;
- Gable end chimneys on the main block;
- Front entrance with transom light, multi-paned sidelights, and panelled wood door;
- Six over six paned wood windows;
- Replicated full width front veranda and side porch;
- 2019 one and one half storey frame addition;