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October 25, 2023

P&F Meat Products Ltd.
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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JOHN AND ELIZABETH ROWBOTHAM HOUSE, 2972 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on October 18, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 2972 Elgin Mills Road East under Part IV, Section 29 of
the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance**

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (October 25). Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' at the link below. The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>

Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at emanning@markham.ca

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House

2972 Elgin Mills Road East
c.1890

The John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road, in the historic community of Victoria Square. The house faces south.

Design Value and Physical Value

The John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House has design value and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular, village tradesman's dwelling of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The house assumed its present form c.1890. It is a vernacular building that does not neatly fit into any stylistic category and is therefore unique within its local context. The L-shaped plan, steep roof pitch of the projecting front section, and the canted bay window, are features often associated with the Gothic Revival style, but there are no specific Gothic Revival decorative details such as pointed-arched windows or bargeboards. The previous porch shown in an archival photograph, along with the canted bay window, provided decorative relief to an otherwise simple village dwelling. Overall, the house retains much of its historic character.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House has historical value and associative value, representing the theme of nineteenth century development within the hamlet of Victoria Square, and the theme of industry, innovation and economic development, as the former residence of John and Elizabeth Rowbotham, built c.1890. John Rowbotham was a wheelwright, carpenter and wagon maker who operated his business in Victoria Square from 1875 to 1915. He learned his trade at William and George Eakin's Unionville Carriage Factory before starting out on his own at Victoria Square, continuing a wheelwright and wagon works established on the property in the 1850s. John Rowbotham sold in 1915, and relocated to Main Street, Stouffville, where he continued to work as a wheelwright until his death in 1943.

Contextual Value

The John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House is one of a number of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square.

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Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John and Elizabeth Rowbotham House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular, village tradesman's dwelling of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, as modified in the early twentieth century

- L-shaped main block;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Single-storey, gable-roofed rear wing with single-stack brick chimney.
- Clapboard siding;
- Cross-gabled roof with overhanging, open eaves;
- Shed-roofed porch in the ell, with closed gable end;
- Single-leaf door within the porch along the east elevation,;
- Canted bay window with mansard-roof with fishscale-shaped shingles;
- Existing window openings containing 2/2 and 1/1 single-hung windows.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of nineteenth century development of the hamlet of Victoria Square, and the theme of industry, innovation and economic development:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the John and Elizabeth Rowbotham family that historically resided here, and the wheelwright and wagon works that was located on the property.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square:

- The location of the building facing Elgin Mills Road, within the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- Detached garage.