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November 20, 2023

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, WILLIAM AND MARY ANN FRISBY HOUSE, 2992 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on November 15, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 2992 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 (November 21). 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](mailto:emanning@markham.ca)

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### William and Mary Ann Frisby House

2992 Elgin Mills Road East  
c.1893

The William and Mary Ann Frisby 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 William and Mary Ann Frisby House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road East in the historic community of Victoria Square. The house faces south.

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

The William and Mary Ann Frisby House has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular, village tradesman's dwelling of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It is a vernacular village dwelling that does not fit neatly into any stylistic category. Archival photographs appear to show the house with stucco cladding. The L-plan and form of the building reflect the influence of the Gothic Revival style. This veranda is a rare survivor of a type that was commonly replaced by verandas and porches designed in the Edwardian Classical style typical of the early 1900s.

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

The William and Mary Ann Frisby House has historical value as it is associated with the nineteenth century development of the hamlet of Victoria Square, and for its connection to the early economic development of the community as the former residence of William and Mary Ann Frisby, built c.1893. William Frisby was a blacksmith who operated his business in Victoria Square from c.1880 to 1912. He was assisted in the business by Henry Flavelle. The Frisby blacksmith shop was located to the west of the residence. The shop was the former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel that was originally located on the property of Victoria Square United Church. William Frisby purchased the 1845 chapel in the early 1880s after it had become redundant once a larger new place of worship was constructed in 1880. The Frisby residence was built c.1893 after William Frisby purchased Lots 2 and 3, Plan 404, from Christopher Heise. The property was sold out of the family in 1912.

#### **Contextual Value**

The William and Mary Ann Frisby 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 William and Mary Ann Frisby House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

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

- L-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Cross-gabled roof with overhanging open eaves;
- Hip-roofed veranda in the ell with turned wood posts and fretwork brackets and spandrels;
- Single-leaf door opening set within the veranda on the south elevation;
- Single-leaf four panelled door set within the veranda on the west elevation;
- Existing flat-headed, rectangular window openings.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the nineteenth century development of the hamlet of Victoria Square, and for its connection to the early economic development of the community as the former residence of William and Mary Ann Frisby:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the William and Mary Ann Frisby family that historically resided here.

*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 East, sited prominently 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:*

- Modern doors and windows within the existing openings;
- Exterior brick chimney;
- Aluminum siding;
- Accessory building.