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October 25, 2023

McCowan Elgin Developments Inc.
5400 Yonge Street – Suite 501
Toronto, Ontario
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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, WILLIAM HENRY MEYER HOUSE, 10690 McCowan Road**

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 10690 McCowan Road 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

William Henry Meyer House

10690 McCowan Road
c.1893

The William Henry Meyer 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 Henry Meyer House is a one-and-a-half store, brick dwelling located on west side of McCowan Road, south of Elgin Mills Road, east of the historic crossroads community of Cashel. The house is oriented eastwards.

Design Value and Physical Value

The William Henry Meyer House has design and physical value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth century Gothic Revival farmhouse. Few significant exterior alterations have been made which still contains its original windows and veranda. The shaped L-plan was associated with the picturesque Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles that were popularized through architectural pattern books beginning in the mid-nineteenth century. In rural areas such as Markham Township, stylistic innovations were late to be adopted, and it was not until the last quarter of the nineteenth century that the architecture of the Picturesque began to have a significant influence upon the built-form character of the Township.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The William Henry Meyer House has historical value and associative value, representing the dominant agricultural character of Markham Township, specifically the improvement of nineteenth century farmsteads as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. In 1892, William Henry Meyer purchased the east 100 acres of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 6, from Christian L. Hoover and his wife, Susannah, his inlaws. The property contained a two-storey frame farmhouse located at the approximate centre of the lot. Meyer was a member of a Swiss Mennonite family who came to Markham in the 1860s. He was married to Annie Hoover, the daughter of Christian L. Hoover. In the early 1890s, William Henry Meyer established a new farmstead closer to McCowan Road. The farmstead included a substantial, new buff brick farmhouse. After the death of Annie Hoover in 1893, he married Matilda Hoover in 1894. William Henry Meyer sold the farm to a relative, Christian G. Hoover, in 1917. The property remained in the ownership of the Hoover family until 1953.

Contextual Value

The William Henry Meyer House has contextual value as a former farmhouse that has stood on this site, east of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel, since the early 1890s. As such, it helps make legible the agricultural tradition of Markham Township.

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Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William Henry Meyer 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 good, representative example of a late nineteenth century L-plan farmhouse designed with the influence of the Gothic Revival style:

- L-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Buff brick veneer with projecting brick plinth and radiating brick arches over window openings;
- Medium-pitched cross-gabled roof with overhanging open eaves and steep gabled wall dormer with a pointed-arched 2/2 single-hung window;
- Single-leaf doors within the front veranda;
- Segmentally-headed 2/2 and 1/1 single-hung windows with projecting lugsills;
- Two-storey canted bay window capped by an extension of the gable roof;
- Hip-roofed front veranda supported on slender turned wood posts ornamented with fretwork brackets.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the agricultural character of Markham Township, specifically the improvement of nineteenth century farmsteads as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Meyer family's success in Markham's nineteenth century agricultural economy.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building facing east, east of the historic crossroads community of Cashel, where it has stood since the early 1890s.

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

- Rear wing and additions.