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November 20, 2023

10725 Kennedy Developments Limited
5400 Yonge Street - Unit 501
Toronto, Ontario
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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, FRANCIES AND MARY WALKER HOUSE, 10725 KENNEDY ROAD**

To whom it may concern:

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 10725 Kennedy 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 (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

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Francis and Mary Walker House

10725 Kennedy Road
c.1850

The Francis and Mary Walker 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 Francis and Mary Walker House is a one-storey brick dwelling located on the east side of Kennedy Road, south of Elgin Mills Road East, in the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel. The house faces west.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Francis and Mary Walker House has design and physical value as a representative example of a village tradesman's dwelling in the Ontario Cottage style. This building style, a simplified version of the Regency Cottage, is most often associated with families of British origin. The Regency Cottage was in use in various parts of the British Empire during the early to mid-nineteenth century. The trademark characteristics of an Ontario Cottage include a one-storey height, a Georgian tradition sense of symmetry and formality, and a hip or cottage roof. French doors or a bellcast-roofed veranda, features that would be more closely associated with the Regency Cottage style, are occasionally seen.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Francis and Mary Walker House has historical value as it is associated with the early economic development of Markham Township, and the locally significant theme of immigration, particularly families of British origin that came to Markham in the first half of the nineteenth century. Most notably, the property is associated with Francis Walker, an English immigrant who operated a blacksmith shop next to his home in Cashel from c.1850 to 1873. The blacksmith shop was an important local industry. Francis Walker and his wife Mary emigrated from England some time between 1840 and 1846. The family came to Cashel between 1846 and the enumeration of the 1851 census. In 1851, Francis Walker purchased a property on the north-west part of Lot 25, Concession 6 from Archibald Hugh Fenwick that may have already contained a dwelling and blacksmith shop. After the Walker family sold the property in 1873, the blacksmith shop continued to operate under the ownership of Stephen LeFraugh until 1884.

Contextual Value

The Francis and Mary Walker House has contextual value as one of a group of nineteenth century buildings that help define the character and extent of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel.

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Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Francis and Mary Walker 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 village tradesman's dwelling in the Ontario Cottage style:

- Rectangular plan;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick masonry with projecting plinth and splayed arches over the door and window openings;
- Hip roof with projecting, boxed eaves;
- 3-bay configuration of the primary (west) foundation;
- Single-leaf front door opening with rectangular transom light featuring geometric, multi-paned glazing;
- Flat-headed rectangular window openings with two-over-two paned single-hung windows.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value as a link to the economic development of Markham Township, and the locally significant theme of immigration, particularly families of British origin that came to Markham in the first half of the nineteenth century:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Walker family that historically resided here and the blacksmith shop, an important local industry within Cashel that operated on the property from c.1850 to 1884.

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 Cashel:

- The location of the building facing west, within the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel.

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

- Front door;
- Painted finish on brickwork;
- Rear additions;
- Accessory building.