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October 25, 2023

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JAMES AND JANE STOUTENBURGH HOUSE, 10748 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD**

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 10748 Victoria Square Blvd 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

James and Jane Stoutenburgh House

10748 Victoria Square Boulevard
c.1865

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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 James and Jane Stoutenburgh House is a two-and-a-half storey brick dwelling located at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. The house is oriented eastwards.

Design Value and Physical Value

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has design value and physical value as a unique example of mid-nineteenth century eclectic residential architecture, and a noteworthy example of polychromatic brickwork. It is the most ornate historic residence within the hamlet of Victoria Square. Its current architectural character is different from the builder's original vision which is documented in an archival photograph from 1915. In its original form, the Stoutenburgh House was a vernacular dwelling that displayed an eclectic mix of stylistic influences superimposed upon a formal Georgian form. The house once had a Gothic Revival centre gable, trimmed with curvilinear bargeboards, and a highly decorative front veranda that included a second storey sunroom in the Italianate style. The influence of the Classic Revival style was reflected in the design of the former front veranda and doorcase. In its current form, the eclectic character of the Stoutenburgh House remains, but with modern-era details. The basic form of the c.1865 brick structure remains little changed. This house is one of Markham's most elaborate examples of mid-nineteenth century polychromatic or patterned brickwork, a style that originated as a revival of the colourful brickwork of Medieval Venice that was in vogue in Southern Ontario from the mid-1840s to the 1880s.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has historical value and associative value as it speaks to the religious and cultural mosaic of Markham Township. The Stoutenburgh family was of Holland Dutch origin who emigrated from New York State to Upper Canada in 1805. Martin Stoutenburgh married Sarah Button. They settled on the eastern half of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 3, for which they received the Crown patent in 1842. Their son, James Stoutenburgh became a successful and prominent member of the community of Read's Corners which later became Victoria Square when a post office was established in 1854. James Stoutenburgh was a farmer, a general merchant, the first postmaster, and a license inspector. He was Captain of the local militia, earning him the title of Captain James Stoutenburgh.

The Stoutenburgh family were strong supporters of the Methodist Church. Early services were held in their home prior to the construction of a church building. Martin and James Stoutenburgh provided land on the front of their farm for a Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery (now the Victoria Square United Church).

The present brick dwelling on the property, constructed in the early 1860s, reflects the status of the Stoutenburgh family within the community. The property was sold out of the ownership of the Stoutenburgh family in 1908, and subsequently passed through a series of other owners. The c.1865 house was remodeled into its current form sometime after 1958 when the property was sold to the Ottaway family.

Contextual Value

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has contextual value as a local landmark at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road. It is one of a grouping of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century residences that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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 unique example of mid-nineteenth century eclectic domestic architecture, and a noteworthy example of polychromatic brickwork:

- T-shaped plan;
- Two-and-a-half storey height;
- Polychromatic brickwork consisting of a variegated red/orange/buff brick body accented with buff brick, including raised quoins, a raised plinth and belt course, brick banding at the level of the eaves, and splayed arches over window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with open, overhanging eaves;
- Existing front doorcase opening framed with quoin-like trim, partially concealed under modern trim;
- Existing second storey door opening over the front doorcase;
- Existing flat-headed window openings with projecting lugsills;
- Pointed-arched window openings on the north and south gable ends, framed with quoin-like trim.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the religious and cultural mosaic of Markham Township, and the contribution to of the Stoutenburgh family to the development of Victoria Square:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the James and Jane Stoutenburgh family historically resided there.

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

- The location of the building at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road, facing east, within the historic 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:

- Front portico.
- Modern doors and windows.

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