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March 7, 2024

Romandale Farms Limited

[Redacted]

**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, SUMMERFELDT-TOOLE HOUSE 4075 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To [Redacted]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on February 28, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 4075 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 (March 7, 2024). 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

### Summerfeldt-Toole House

4075 Elgin Mills Road East  
c.1855

The Summerfeldt-Toole 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 Summerfeldt-Toole House is a one-and-a-half storey stone dwelling located on south side of Elgin Mills Road East, west of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel. The house faces north.

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

The Summerfeldt-Toole House has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the Classic Revival style as seen in its symmetrical composition, flat-headed doorcase with transom light and sidelights, and deep eave returns. The walls are constructed of split, coursed random rubble with large, roughly squared stone quoins at the corners. Door and window openings have splayed red brick arches. The paired front windows are an unusual feature, not typical of residential construction in mid-nineteenth century Markham.

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

The Summerfeldt-Toole House has historical value as it is associated with the Berczy Settler families who arrived in Markham in the late eighteenth century and played a significant role in the development of the early European-based community. The property also has historical value as it is representative of the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. William H. Summerfeldt, the son of George Henry Summerfeldt and Clarissa Ransom, received the Crown patent for the western half of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 5 in 1853. About 1855, he replaced the one-storey frame house on the property with a new farmhouse of local multi-coloured fieldstone. By 1861, the family relocated to Mount Albert where William Summerfeldt was a partner in the Summerfeldt and Brown Flouring and Grist Mill. Isaac Toole of East Gwillimbury purchased the Summerfeldt farm in 1867. The property was occupied by his younger brother Aaron Toole, who became the owner in 1875. He farmed here until he died in 1894.

#### **Contextual Value**

The Summerfeldt-Toole House has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked its site where it has stood since the mid-1850s.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Summerfeldt-Toole 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 mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse constructed in the Classic Revival style:*

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Fieldstone walls with squared stone quoins and splayed arches of red brick over door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with deep eave returns;
- Three-bay primary (north) elevation with single-leaf front door, flat-headed transom light, and sidelights with panelled aprons below, flanked by paired windows;
- Regularly placed, flat-headed, rectangular window openings with projecting lugsills on the front and gable end walls.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the Berczy Settler families who arrived in Markham in the late eighteenth century, and for its association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Summerfeldt and Toole families that historically resided here, and represents how a nineteenth century farmstead was improved by the replacement of a one-storey frame dwelling with a one-and-a-half storey fieldstone farmhouse in the mid-1850s.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:*

- The location of the building facing north, where it has stood since c.1855.

*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 porch;
- Frame addition to rear;
- Rear dormer;
- Modern windows;
- Accessory buildings.

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