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March 7, 2024

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JOHN PEACH HOUSE, 5060 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To whom it may concern:

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 5060 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

Kimberley Kitteringham
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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Peach House

5060 Elgin Mills Road East
c.1876

The John Peach 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 John Peach House is a one-and-a-half storey painted brick dwelling located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road, east of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel. The house faces south.

Design Value and Physical Value

The John Peach House has design and physical value as a representative example of an Ontario Classic farmhouse designed with elements of the Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles. The Ontario Classic is a house form that was popular from the 1860s to the 1890s, with many examples constructed on farms and in villages throughout Markham Township. These vernacular dwellings were often decorated with features associated with the Gothic Revival or Italianate style, as was the case here with the steep centre gable ornamented with a kingpost, and the eyebrow-like window heads. With its one-and-a-half storey form, T-shaped plan, symmetrical three-bay primary (south) elevation, patterned brickwork (now concealed by paint), and segmentally-headed two-over-two windows, this vernacular building is representative of farmhouses built in old Markham Township in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The John Peach House has historical and associative value, representing the theme of locally significant theme of agriculture, specifically the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. It was built c.1876 on the eastern half of Markham Township Lot 26, Concession 6, a farm property that was owned by John Peach from 1863 to 1916. John Peach was the son of English immigrants Thomas and Catharine Peach who came to Canada in 1834. It appears that this house was intended to become the residence of John Peach, but when his father died in 1880, he decided to remain on the Peach family homestead on Lot 23, Concession 7. The farm was tenanted by a relative, Thomas Peach Morris, from the mid-1880s into the early 1900s. It remained in the ownership of the Peach family until 1940.

Contextual Value

The John Peach House, located to the east of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel, has contextual value as a former farmhouse that has stood on this site since the mid-1870s. It is historically linked to Peach's United Church at 10762 McCowan Road.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John Peach 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 an Ontario Classic farmhouse designed with the influence of the Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles:

- T-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Patterned red and buff brick veneer;;
- Medium-pitched cross-gabled roof with overhanging open eaves and steep, gabled wall dormer with square kingpost ornamented with a turned pendant above the front door;
- Three-bay configuration of the south (primary) elevation;
- Centrally-placed single-leaf door with segmentally-headed transom light;
- Segmentally-headed two-over-two single-hung windows with projecting lugsills;
- Shed-roofed east side veranda supported on slender wood posts.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the locally significant theme of agriculture, specifically the 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 Peach 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 south, east of the historic crossroads community of Cashel, where it has stood since the mid-1870s, and its proximity to Peach's United Church.

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 deck;
- Wooden front door surround;
- Painted finish of brickwork;
- Modern, non-functional window shutters;
- Two-storey rear addition;
- Barn complex and detached garage.

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