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# Planning and Urban Design

May 31, 2024

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, ST. PHILIP'S OLD RECTORY, 9418 KENNEDY ROAD**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 29, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 9418 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 (May 31, 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

## St. Philip's Old Rectory

9418 Kennedy Road  
c.1850

St. Philip's Old Rectory 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**

St. Philip's Old Rectory is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Kennedy Road, immediately north of St. Philip's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church and Cemetery. The house faces east.

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

St. Philip's Old Rectory has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century country clergyman's residence in a vernacular rendition of the Georgian architectural tradition. The front doorcase, with its sidelights and decorative surround, hints at a measure of Neo-classical refinement in an otherwise modestly scaled and designed dwelling. The essential Georgian principles of symmetry, order and formality influenced vernacular architecture for much of the nineteenth century, long after the Georgian period ended in 1830. In a rural community such as Markham Township, the design principles of the Georgian architectural tradition were stripped down to their most basic elements in dwellings such as this one. Although the exterior materials have been updated, the renovations have been carried out with sensitivity to the historical character of the building and therefore the overall form and character of St. Philip's Old Rectory as viewed from the street and adjacent cemetery remains little altered.

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

St. Philip's Old Rectory has historical value for its association with Unionville's early Anglican congregation and its role in the spiritual, social and political life of the community, and for its association with the Reverend George Hill, who in addition to serving the Anglican Church, was Superintendent of Schools from the 1840s to the 1870s and an influential figure in the establishment of high-quality public education in Markham Township. The origins of St. Philip's Anglican Church can be traced back to 1829 with the arrival of Reverend Vincent P. Mayerhoffer at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, a congregation founded by the Berczy Settlers in 1794. Mayerhoffer conducted services in the Anglican form of worship when he became the clergyman serving St. Philip's Church. During the tumultuous time of the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837, a split occurred in the congregation along political lines that resulted in the Reverend Mayerhoffer founding a new St. Philip's Church across the road from the old one, taking Anglican supporters with him. After Reverend Mayerhoffer's departure in 1848, Reverend George Hill became the Rector and a new Rectory was constructed for his use. The

Rectory served St. Philip's until the congregation relocated to Unionville in 1913, after which it was sold and served as a private residence.

### **Contextual Value**

St. Philip's Old Rectory has contextual value because it is physically, functionally visually and historically linked to its surroundings where it has stood since c.1850, and for being an essential component of an historical grouping that includes St. Philip's Anglican Cemetery, St. Philip's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church, and the Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery across the road.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of St. Philip's Old Rectory are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06, as amended, criteria below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century country clergyman's residence in a vernacular rendition of the Georgian architectural tradition:*

- Rectangular plan of main block;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with deep, projecting eaves;
- Three-bay composition of the primary (east) elevation;
- Centre doorcase with single-leaf door and sidelights with Neo-Classical wood surround;
- Flat-headed rectangular window openings on front and gable-end walls.
- Hip-roofed front veranda supported on turned wood posts.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with Unionville's early Anglican congregation and its significant role in the spiritual, social and political life in the history of the community, and as the residence of Reverend George Hill from c.1850 to 1876:*

- The dwelling is a tangible connection to the early history of St. Philip's-on-the Hill Anglican Church.

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

- The building's location on its original site north of St. Philip's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church and Cemetery, where it has stood since c.1850.

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

- Non-wood board and batten siding;
- Modern doors and windows within old door and window openings;
- Decorative shutters;
- Modern chimney;
- Rear wing and additions;
- Accessory building.