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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, WILLIAM AND HANNAH HATTON HOUSE, 10754 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 1, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 10754 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 (May 8, 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
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William and Hannah Hatton House

10754 Victoria Square Boulevard
c.1830

The William and Hannah Hatton 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 William and Hannah Hatton House is a one-and-a-half storey stucco dwelling located on the west side of Victoria Square Boulevard, just north of Elgin Mills Road East, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. The house faces east.

Design Value and Physical Value

The William and Hannah Hatton House has design value and physical value as a locally rare example of plank frame construction, and dating from c.1830, it is the oldest house still standing in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. It is a modified, early, representative example of a village dwelling in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. Renovations undertaken in 2006-2011 were carried out in a sympathetic historical style. The underlying construction of the front portion of this house is vertical plank combined with timber framing, or "plank frame," an uncommon building technology that was in use in this area of the province in the first half of the nineteenth century. In this structural system, stout planks set vertically form the walls between the post and beam structural members.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The William and Hannah Hatton House has historical value and associative value, representing the locally significant home of immigration, particularly the substantial wave of British families who arrived in Markham Township from 1820s-1830s onward. It has further associative value as it represents the religious diversity of early Markham Township for its association with William Hatton, former resident of the dwelling, who was also the first leader of Victoria Square's Primitive Methodist Church. William Hatton was an English immigrant that came to Read's Corners (later known as Victoria Square) in the early 1830s. He was married to Hannah Cook, a widow from Yorkshire, England, who with her husband had settled in Markham Township in 1829. William Hatton was a member of a group of Primitive Methodists that were established by William Lawson and his wife in the Town of York in 1829. In 1832, the Reverend William Summerside formed a "class" of Primitive Methodists and appointed William Hatton as leader. Worship services were held in the Hatton House until a church was built across the road in the early 1830s. William and Hannah Hatton rented this modest frame house from the Heise family until they constructed a new dwelling next to the Primitive Methodist in approximately 1850.

Contextual Value

The William and Hannah Hatton House has contextual value because it is one of a number of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings that define the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square, and because it is historically linked to the site of the Victoria Square Primitive Methodist Church at 10769 Victoria Square Boulevard, as well as the Hatton-Baker House at 10761 Victoria Square Boulevard.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William and Hannah Hatton 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 locally rare example of plank frame construction, and a modified, early, representative example of a village dwelling in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition:

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Stucco finish;
- Saltbox profile of the north elevation;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging boxed eaves and eave returns;
- Three-bay composition of the east (primary) elevation with a centrally placed single-leaf door flanked by six-over-six single hung windows;
- Multi-paned windows in varying sizes on the north and south gable-end walls;
- Underlying plank frame construction of the front portion of the building.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British who arrived in Markham Township from 1820s-1830s onwards, as well as the religious diversity of Markham Township through its association with William Hatton, founder of a Primitive Methodist Church in Victoria Square:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Hatton-Cook family, English immigrants who historically resided here, and of the early history of the Victoria Square Primitive Methodist Church.

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 hamlet of Victoria Square:

- The location of the building on its original site, facing east, within the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square.

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

- The location of the building opposite the site of the Victoria Square Primitive Methodist Church and the restored Hatton-Baker House.

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

- Concrete foundation;
- North side door with gable-roofed canopy;
- Detached garage.

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