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December 14, 2023

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, SAVAGE-SHELL-DENNIE HOUSE, 10737 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 13, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 10737 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 (January 13, 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

## Savage-Schell-Dennie House

10737 Victoria Square Boulevard  
c.1872

The Savage-Schell-Dennie 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 Savage-Schell-Dennie House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the east side of Victoria Square Boulevard in the historic community of Victoria Square. The house faces west onto Victoria Square Boulevard.

### **Design and Physical Value**

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has design and physical value as a representative example of a modest vernacular village dwelling in the Georgian architectural tradition. The ground floor windows previously had 6/6 single hung windows, and the second floor, 6/6 windows in the north gable end and 1/1 windows in the south gable end.

### **Historical and Associative Value**

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has historical and associative value as representing the theme of the early development of the hamlet of Victoria Square and specifically the creation of retirement properties in village settings for former local farmers. This property is the former residence of George and Ann Savage, retired farmers from the Gormely area that first developed village Lot 23, Plan 184, in William Hingston's subdivision of 1856 in Victoria Square, and as the former home of Paul and Ellen Schell when they retired from farming north of Schell's Corners in 1882. Paul Schell was the great-grandfather of Wesley Schell, founder of Schell Lumber in Stouffville in 1922. The property has further historical and associative value for its long association with Charles Dennie, a labourer, huckster and drover that lived here from 1890 to the mid-1930s.

### **Contextual Value**

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has contextual value as one of a number of nineteenth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. It has stood on this property since c.1872. As such, it has long-standing and significant physical, visual and historical linkages to the community of Victoria Square.

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### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Savage-Schell-Dennie 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 modest, vernacular, village dwelling in the Georgian architectural tradition:*

- One-and-a-half storey, rectangular plan, western block;
- One-storey rear kitchen wing
- Wood clapboard siding that is presumed to exist below modern cladding;
- Symmetrical 3-bay façade (west elevation);
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Existing flat-headed, rectangular window openings on all sides of the building;
- Centrally-placed, flat-headed, single-leaf door opening on the west or front wall.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value as representing the early development of the hamlet of Victoria Square, particularly the creation of retirement properties in village settings for former local farmers, and its association with Charles Dennie, a noteworthy long-term resident:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Savage, Schell and Dennie families that historically resided here.

*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 hamlet of Victoria Square.*

- The central location of the building facing Victoria Square Boulevard within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of significant cultural heritage value:*

- Vinyl siding;
- One-over-one contemporary window units.