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## Planning and Urban Design

June 28, 2024

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, FRISBY HOUSE, 15 VICTORIA STREET**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on June 26, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 15 Victoria Street 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 (publication will occur on July 8, 2024).

Click on the 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' icon on the City's landing page to find your address (<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>)

The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

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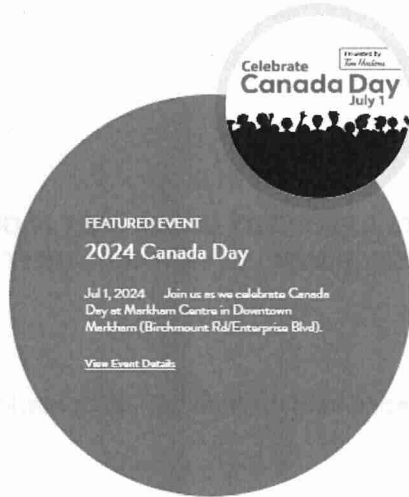
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 2024

3 WED	Special Development Services Committee Meeting Live stream 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
9 TUE	General Committee Meeting Live stream 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
10 WED	Electronic Committee of Adjustment Meeting Zoom Platform and Livestream 7:00 PM - 11:45 PM
16 TUE	Development Services Committee Meeting Live stream 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
17 WED	Council Meeting Live stream 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM


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 CITY COUNCIL

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

C. Ontario Heritage Trust

Attachment: Statement of Significance

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Frisby House

15 Victoria Street  
c.1873

The Frisby 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 Frisby House is a one-and-a-half storey stucco dwelling located on the east side of Victoria Street, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. The house faces west.

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

The Frisby House has design and physical value as a representative example of a village dwelling in the Ontario Classic style. 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 style as is the case here with the steep centre gable containing a pointed-arched casement window. With its one-and-a-half storey height, rectangular plan, symmetrical three-bay facade, and steep centre gable, this vernacular dwelling possesses the essential characteristics of the Ontario Classic.

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

The Frisby House has historical and associative value representing the theme of urban development, specifically the nineteenth century development of the crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square, originally named Read's Corners. Victoria Square was located along the route of the Markham and Elgin Mills Plank Road which was constructed across Markham Township in 1850. A significant phase of development in the hamlet occurred with the subdivision of village lots by blacksmith William G. Hingston in 1856 at the northwest corner of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 4. The Frisby House, built c.1873, is one of a number of dwellings constructed within the Hingston subdivision in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The Frisby House has further historical and associative value for its association with the locally significant Frisby family. John and Lucy Frisby emigrated from England in 1831 and settled in the vicinity of what would become the crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square. The family played a significant role in the agricultural and industrial development of the community. John Frisby tragically died during a business trip to Milwaukee when the steamship *Niagara* burned and sank on Lake Superior in 1856. His son, Thomas Frisby Sr., purchased a group of lots on Victoria Street between 1872 and 1883 where a frame house was constructed for his widowed mother, Lucy Frisby. The house was later lived in by Thomas Frisby Sr. and his family.

### **Contextual Value**

The Frisby House is of contextual value as one of a grouping of older buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square, and for being historically linked to the Thomas Frisby Jr. House at 83 Thomas Frisby Jr. Crescent.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Frisby 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 village dwelling in the Ontario Classic style:*

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Stucco cladding;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves and steep centre gable;
- Three-bay composition of the primary (west) elevation;
- Centrally-placed, single-leaf door opening;
- Flat-headed single-hung windows with six-over-six panes;
- Pointed-arched casement window in the centre gable;
- Edwardian Classical front porch with pedimented gable roof supported on square wooden posts resting on brick pedestals.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of urban development, specifically the nineteenth century development of the crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square, and for its association with the locally significant Frisby family:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the development of village lots in Victoria Square in the nineteenth century and of the locally significant Frisby family that owned the property from c.1873 to c.1922.

*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 west, within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

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

- Modern second storey casement windows on north and south gable ends;
- Rear additions;
- Accessory building.