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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, PETER MILNE JR. HOUSE, 5970 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on July 16, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 5970 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 (publication will occur on August 19, 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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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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FEATURED EVENT

2024 Canada Day

Jul 1, 2024 Join us as we celebrate Canada Day at Markham Centre in Downtown Markham (Birchmount Rd/Enterprise Blvd.).

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July 1

Presented by
Town of Markham

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BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT NOTICES

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Peter Milne Jr. House

5970 Elgin Mills Road East
c.1870

The Peter Milne Jr. 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 Peter Milne Jr. House is a one-and-a-half storey stucco-clad brick dwelling located at the northwest corner of Elgin Mills Road East and Highway 48 in the historic rural community of Milnesville. The house originally accessed from the east but its entrance is now on the south elevation.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Peter Milne Jr. House has design and physical value as an altered, restrained representative example of a rural 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 picturesque Gothic Revival style, but in the case of the Peter Milne Jr. House, this is limited to its steep centre gable on the east wall. The essential form of the Ontario Classic was symmetrically balanced with a centrally-placed front door flanked by a window on either side, a hold-over from the long-standing, conservative formality of the Georgian architectural tradition, and a steep centre gable above the entrance. The Peter Milne Jr. House is now missing its front door, but the space where it once existed remains evident. A one-and-a-half storey height and an L-shaped or T-shaped plan were typical of this house form, with the rear portion of the house usually functioning as a kitchen wing. Here, the rear wing is one-and-a-half storeys rather than the more common single-storey..

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Peter Milne House Jr. has historical or associative value representing the theme of agriculture, economic development and government services in relation to the diverse activities that took place on this property in the nineteenth century, and for its association with Peter Milne Jr., a prominent early resident of the rural community of Milnesville. He was a major landowner in Markham Township as well as being a store and sawmill owner, and the community's first postmaster from 1852 to 1863. Peter Milne Jr. is also noteworthy for his alleged association with the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837. Peter Milne Jr. was a son of Alexander Milne, a Scottish-American immigrant who arrived in Markham Township with his brother Peter Milne in the 1820s. Peter Milne Jr. was initially a bookkeeper for his uncle Peter Milne in Reesorville (later known as Markham Village). In 1838, he was arrested and imprisoned in Kingston for his alleged participation in the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837, and later pardoned. Peter Milne Jr. purchased the eastern half of Markham Township Lot 26, Concession 7 in 1837 which

contained a store that he ran from 1852 to 1863. He also owned a sawmill on Little Rouge Creek and a considerable amount of property south of Box Grove. In 1852, Peter Milne Jr. named his community's local post office "Milnesville" after his family. He was married to Hannah (McKay) Milne and lived both on this property and on the adjacent land he owned on Lot 25, Concession 7. In approximately 1870, he constructed a new brick house for his retirement to replace his older frame house on Lot 26, Concession 7 which he rented to a tenant farmer. The property remained in the ownership of the estate of his married daughter Elizabeth Wilcox (Milne) Gibson of Toronto until 1937.

Contextual Value

The Peter Milne Jr House has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as the farmhouse that once served Peter Milne Jr. and later tenant farmers on the Milne farm on Lot 26, Concession 7. It is located in the historic rural community of Milnesville, where it has stood since c.1870. It is historically linked to the Milne House at 10666 Highway 48 on Lot 25, Concession 7.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Peter Milne Jr. House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a restrained, representative example of a Ontario Classic dwelling:

- L-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Stucco-clad brick walls;
- Medium-pitched cross gable roof with projecting, open eaves and steeply-pitched gable centred on the east wall;
- Flat-headed, rectangular single-hung windows with two over two panes.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of agriculture, economic development, and government services in relation to the diverse activities that took place on this property in the nineteenth century, and for its association with Peter Milne Jr., a prominent early resident of the rural community of Milnesville:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the former agricultural, industrial and commercial/post office use of the property and of Peter Milne Jr., long-time owner, farmer, sawmill owner, store owner and the community's first postmaster.

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

- The location of the building on its original site at the northwest corner of Elgin Mills Road East and Highway 48, within the historic rural community of Milnesville, where it has stood since c.1870.

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

- One-storey addition on the south side of the building;
- Square shaped ground floor window on west gable-end wall;
- Chimney;
- Accessory buildings.