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## Planning and Urban Design

June 28, 2024

R&M Lalani Incorporated  
2501 Denison Street  
Markham, Ontario  
L3S 2P9

**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, WILLIAM MACKLIN HOUSE, 2501 DENISON STREET**

To whom it may concern:

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 2501 Denison 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).

Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' on the City's landing page  
(<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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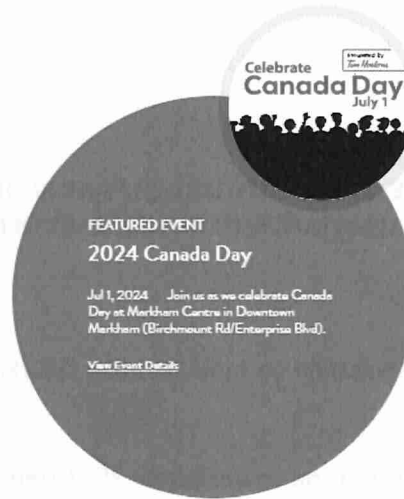
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - 4:20 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

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## William and Mary Jane Macklin House

2501 Denison Street  
c.1858

The William and Mary Jane Macklin 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 Mary Jane Macklin House is a one-and-a-half storey converted dwelling located at the southeast corner of McCowan Road and Denison Street in the vicinity of the historic community of Armadale. The building faces west.

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

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century patterned brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition which incorporates Classical Revival details, particularly its cornice with eave returns ornamented with wood modillions, and its wide principal entrance. It is a good example of the conservative, well-built farmhouses constructed in Markham during the prosperous years of the 1850s when wheat prices were high as the result of the Crimean War. An influx of cash enabled many farmers to replace older dwellings with new residences of higher quality construction. This house displays patterned brickwork in red and buff-coloured brick that was popular in Southern Ontario from the 1850s into the 1880s. The simple form of the building, following the strict symmetry of the Georgian architectural tradition but with details reflecting the Classical Revival style, is typical of mid-nineteenth century Markham Township. The five-bay composition of the facade, locally uncommon, and use of Flemish bond brickwork, are indications of a high quality construction for its time.

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

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has historical and associative value as it represents the theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British families who arrived to Markham Township in the 1820s-1830s, and for its association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. The property is associated with William Macklin, a successful farmer and champion ploughman who lived here from 1839 until his death in 1893. William Macklin came from County Tyrone, Ireland to Upper Canada in 1827-1828 with his brother Marshall and sister Christina. He purchased the western 100 acres of Markham Township Lot 3, Concession 7 in 1839 and married Mary Jane Gilmour, another Irish immigrant, in 1840. They built a substantial brick farmhouse on their property c.1858 to replace an earlier log house. According to a history of the community of Armadale, Macklin was one of a number of skilled ploughmen in the neighbourhood who were known for winning prizes at Ontario ploughing matches.

### **Contextual Value**

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as the former farmhouse that once served the Macklin farm in the vicinity of the historic community of Armadale. It is historically linked to the site where it has stood since c.1858.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William and Mary Jane Macklin 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 representative example of a mid-nineteenth century patterned brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition with Classical Revival details:*

- Rectangular plan;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Patterned brick walls in red brick with buff brick accents consisting of quoining, radiating arches over door and window openings, a raised brick plinth, and raised belt course;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Five bay composition of the facade with a wide centrally-placed principal entrance containing a single-leaf door and flat-headed rectangular transom light;
- Flat-headed rectangular window openings with projecting lugsills;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting boxed eaves, eave returns, and a wood cornice with Classical modillions;
- Single-stack brick chimney at the north gable end.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value, representing the theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British families who arrived in Markham Township in the 1820s-1830s, and for the legibility it provides of the nineteenth century trend whereby farm houses were replaced or expanded as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. Further, it has associative values for its connection to William Macklin, a successful farmer and champion ploughman:*

- The converted dwelling is a tangible reminder of William Macklin, a successful Irish-Canadian farmer and long-time owner who was able to replace his original log dwelling with a fine brick home c.1858.