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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, LYDIA BEEBE HOUSE, 6864 FOURTEENTH AVENUE**

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 6864 Fourteenth Avenue 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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## 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

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Lydia Beebe House

6864 Fourteenth Avenue  
c.1874

The Lydia Beebe 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 Lydia Beebe House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the north side of Fourteenth Avenue, east of Ninth Line, in the historic crossroads hamlet of Box Grove. The house faces south.

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

The Lydia Beebe House has design and physical value as a representative example of a modest vernacular village dwelling designed in the long-lasting Georgian architectural tradition. The design principles of this style continued to influence vernacular domestic architecture in Ontario long after the Georgian period ended in 1830. Restrained in its detailing, this house was designed to meet the needs of a labourer or tradesman. This is a late example of its type, with a tall wall height and a medium-pitched gable roof without eave returns.

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

The Lydia Beebe House has historical value for its association with the theme of urban development, specifically the nineteenth century development of the historic hamlet of Sparta/Box Grove around a cluster of industries at the crossroads of Fourteenth Avenue and Ninth Line, and for its association with the Beebe family who played an important role in the growth of the community and its economy. The house is believed to have been constructed c.1874 on village lots 12 and 13, Block E, within the Tomlinson-Beebe Plan 19, for Lydia Marie Beebe. Lydia Beebe was the daughter of William Ellis Beebe, a blacksmith, edge tool maker, and agricultural implements manufacturer who played an important role in the development of Box Grove by subdividing his frontage on the western part of Markham Township Lot 6, Concession 9 into village lots. This was done in partnership with his neighbour Joseph Tomlinson in 1850. Lydia Beebe married William Johnston, a local farm labourer, and moved to Chicago, Illinois sometime in the 1880s.

### **Contextual Value**

The Lydia Beebe House has contextual value as one of a grouping of nineteenth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the historic crossroads hamlet of Box Grove. Although modern infilling has occurred, enough of the older building stock remains for Box Grove to be recognizable as one of Markham's historic hamlets.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Lydia Beebe 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 modest vernacular village dwelling designed in the long-lasting Georgian architectural tradition:*

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Wood clapboard siding with corner boards;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves,
- Three-bay composition of the south (primary) elevation with a centrally-placed single leaf glazed and panelled wood door;
- Flat-headed rectangular single-hung windows with two-over-two panes;
- Small square four-paned window over the front door and small square window on the east gable end.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the theme of urban development, specifically the nineteenth century development of the historic hamlet of Sparta/Box Grove, and for its association with the Beebe family who played an important role in the growth of the community and its economy:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the nineteenth century development of Box Grove and of the locally important Beebe family.

*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 Box Grove:*

- The location of the building on its original site, facing south, within the historic hamlet of Box Grove.

*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;
- Front deck;
- Brick chimney;
- Rear addition.