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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
WILLIAMS HOUSE, 10760 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD**

To [REDACTED]

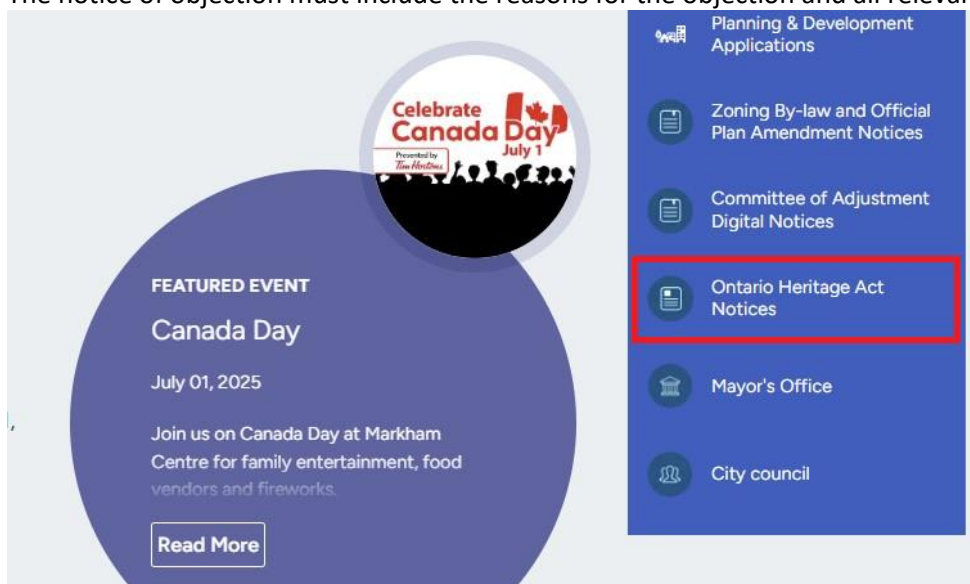
This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 27, 2025, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 10760 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 (publication will occur on June 23, 2025).

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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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

Williams House

10760 Victoria Square Boulevard

c.1898

The Williams 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 Williams House is a two-storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Victoria Square Boulevard, north of Elgin Mills Road, in the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square. The house faces east.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Williams House has design value and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular village dwelling of frame construction dating from the late nineteenth century. Its sense of symmetry is rooted in the Georgian architectural tradition that continued to influence vernacular domestic architecture in Markham Township well past the end of the Georgian period. The restrained design of the Williams House represents the transition from the ornate designs of the Late Victorian period to the simplicity of residential design that began to emerge in the Edwardian period. The enclosed porch is a sympathetic alteration of the early twentieth century.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Williams House has historical value for its association with the theme of urban development, specifically the late nineteenth century period of development of the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square. This was the former residence of Martha Williams who purchased the property in 1899. The house appears to have been constructed during the brief ownership of non-residents Thomas and Fanny Boynton from 1898 to 1899. Martha Williams was married to George Henry Williams, a labourer, who did not reside in the household. The Williams family, associated with the Tunkard Church, were long-time owners. The house was built on Lot 5, Plan 404. This small plan of subdivision on the southeastern quarter of the Heise farm was created in 1875. Christopher Heise contributed to the development of Victoria Square by severing lots from his property and selling them to allow for the establishment of businesses, a temperance hall, and village residences.

Contextual Value

The Williams House has contextual value as one of a grouping of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Williams 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 vernacular village dwelling of frame construction dating from the late nineteenth century:

- Rectangular plan of the main block;
- Two-storey height;
- Frame construction;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Enclosed shed-roofed front porch with single-leaf door flanked by sidelights;
- Regularly placed flat-headed rectangular window openings, tall and narrow in proportion.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of urban development, specifically the late nineteenth century period of development of the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square:

- The dwelling is a tangible indication of the late nineteenth century period of development within Victoria Square.

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 crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square:

- The location of the building on its original site, facing east, in a highly visible location within the historic crossroads hamlet of Victoria Square. Its continued presence helps define the historic extent of Victoria Square and maintains its legibility as a community dating from the nineteenth century.

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

- Aluminum siding;
- Modern windows within existing openings;
- Non-functional shutters;
- Modern door within the existing opening;
- Rear additions;
- Garage.