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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, JOHN AND ADELINE MILLER HOUSE, 11276 KENNEDY ROAD**

To [REDACTED]

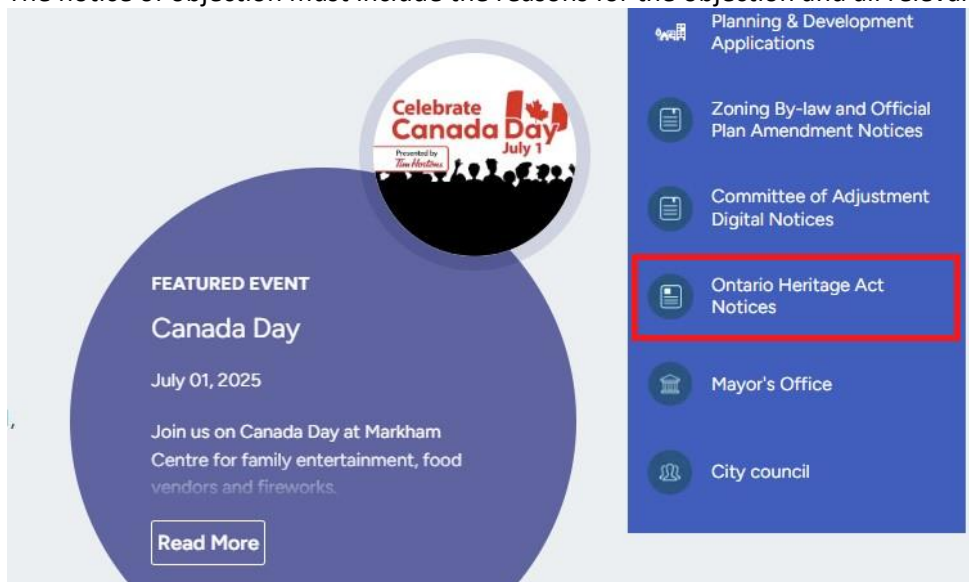
This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 27, 2025, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 11276 Kennedy Road 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](mailto:emanning@markham.ca)

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## John and Adeline Miller House

11276 Kennedy Road

c.1895

The John and Adeline Miller 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 John and Adeline Miller House is a two-storey painted brick dwelling located on the west side of Kennedy Road, north of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel. The house faces east.

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

The John and Adeline Miller House has design value and physical value as a representative example of a late Victorian rural dwelling rendered in the vernacular Queen Anne Revival style. The American version of the Queen Anne Revival style, the most eclectic style of the Victorian period, was popular in late nineteenth century Markham Township. Designs were offered in pattern books that featured spacious dwellings with picturesque, irregular massing, complex rooflines with multiple gables, projecting bays, deep verandas, and multiple textures in cladding materials. The main design principle was balance rather than symmetry. Many examples in Markham have ornate fretwork decoration in gables and on porches and verandas. The Miller House is a restrained example, with the irregular massing, vertical emphasis, picturesque roofline, and ornamented gables characteristic of the Queen Anne Revival. Its essential historical fabric and design intent remain largely intact, notwithstanding reversible changes such as the painting of the brick, window replacement within original openings, and an enclosed porch.

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

The John and Adeline Miller House has historical value and associative value, representing the theme of urban development, specifically the expansion of the rural hamlet of Cashel in the mid to late nineteenth century. The crossroads hamlet of Cashel, first known as Crosby's Corners, was mainly settled by Scottish and Scots-Irish immigrants in the early nineteenth century. The community was an early focus of Presbyterian worship in Markham Township, owing to the presence of Reverend William Jenkins. Melville Presbyterian Church was constructed on a rise of land north of the crossroads hamlet in 1848. By the mid-nineteenth century, a number of dwellings were constructed on the eastern portion of Markham Township Lot 29, Concession 5, in the vicinity of the church. In 1882, John Miller, the son of Scottish immigrant and local tenant farmer Walter Miller, purchased the former house and property of Henderson Bell, a weaver associated with Cashel. John Miller and his wife, Adeline (Cook) Miller, initially resided in a frame dwelling on the property and later constructed a two-storey brick house c.1895. John Miller was an elder and long-time caretaker at Melville Presbyterian Church (later Melville United Church). The property remained in the Miller family until 1937.

### **Contextual Value**

The John and Adeline Miller House is of contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its site to the north of the core of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel, where it has stood since c.1895. It is historically linked to the former Melville Presbyterian Church, located nearby at 11248 Kennedy Road, where John Miller served as an elder and long-time caretaker.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John and Adeline Miller 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 late Victorian rural dwelling rendered in the vernacular Queen Anne Revival style:*

- L-shaped plan;
- Two-storey height;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick veneered walls with projecting plinth, radiating arches over window openings, and string courses;
- Cross-gabled roof with projecting open eaves and decorative fretwork brackets and grilles;
- Two-storey canted bay windows on south and east gable ends;
- Tall, narrow window openings with segmental arches and projecting lugsills.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of urban development, specifically the expansion of the rural hamlet of Cashel in the mid to late nineteenth century:*

- The dwelling is a tangible indication of the expansion of the rural crossroads hamlet of Cashel in the mid to late nineteenth century, in the vicinity of the former Melville Presbyterian Church.

*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, facing east, proximate to the core of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel, and north of the former Melville Presbyterian Church.

*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 Cashel:*

- The location of the building on its original site, facing east, in a highly visible location proximate to a series of other municipally recognized heritage resources in the vicinity of Cashel. Together these resources maintain the legibility of Cashel as a crossroads settlement 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:*

- Modern replacement windows within original openings;
- Enclosed front porch;
- Painted finish applied to brick walls;
- Rear addition;
- Attached garage.