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April 13, 2017

Jim Leonard  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act**

The Council of the City of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV:

Lapp-Pilkey House  
7186 Eleventh Concession Road  
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham  
Attention: Mary-Jane Courchesne  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
Fax: 905-479-7771

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

*The Corporation of the City of Markham* • Clerk's Department  
Anthony Roman Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **Lapp-Pilkey House 7186 Eleventh Line c.1855**

The Lapp-Pilkey House is recommended for designation under Part IV 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 Lapp-Pilkey House is a one and a half storey patterned brick residence located on the west side of the Eleventh Line, north of the Heritage United Church and cemetery. The house is located in a rural setting, and faces east.

#### **Historical or Associative Value**

The Lapp-Pilkey House is of historical or associative value as the former farmhouse of William Lapp, one of the sons of Henry Lapp, who came to Markham Township from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in the early 1800s. Lot 2, Concession 10 was divided among the three of Henry Lapp and Elizabeth Waldenburger's sons. Their son, William Lapp, farmed the eastern 66 acres and circa 1855, constructed the brick farmhouse that stands at 7186 Eleventh Line. About 1870, the family relocated to Uxbridge where they started Lapp and Son Marble Works, a manufacturer of grave markers that served Uxbridge and Markham. Horace Lapp, a grandson, became a noted pianist, organist, composer and writer. When he died in 1986, he was one of the last surviving silent film musical accompanists in Canada.

The Lapp-Pilkey House is additionally of historical or associative value as the former farmhouse of William C. Pilkey, who purchased the property in 1876. William Pilkey's grandfather, Pierre le Pelletier, came to Upper Canada from Quebec in 1800. He married Catherine Barnhart and changed his name to Peter Pilkey. The family became established in Scarborough Township. Peter Pilkey was a private in the York Militia during the War of 1812. According to family tradition, he was a baker for the garrison at Fort York and was the person who set fire to the magazine at the fort to keep the munitions out of the hands of the enemy during the American assault on the Town of York in 1813. The explosion of the magazine was once of the most dramatic events of the war. William C. Pilkey was the son of Charles Pilkey and Jane Forfar of Maple Lane Farm, near Claremont, Pickering Township. One of William C. Pilkey and Hannah E. Ward's sons, William G. H. "Howard" Pilkey farmed the former Lapp property until he retired about 1951 and moved to north Markham.

**Design or Physical Value**

The Lapp-Pilkey House is of physical or design value as a good example of a mid-19th century patterned brick farmhouse in the Georgian architectural tradition. With its centre gable, the house is in the form of a Classic Ontario farmhouse, an emblematic vernacular form of rural dwelling during the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century in this region. The broad, medium-pitched centre gable indicates the influence of the Neo-classic style rather than the more common, steeply-pitched centre gable with a Gothic Revival influence. The physical value of the Lapp-Pilkey House is enhanced due to its superior state of architectural integrity on the exterior, showing no significant alterations. The patterned brick treatment is a representative example of this popular design typical of Southern Ontario in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Contextual Value**

The Lapp-Pilkey House is of contextual value as an early farm residence within the community of Cedar Grove that contributes to the rural character and farming heritage of the area.

**Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior, character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value or interest of the Lapp-Pilkey House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its rectangular plan and one and a half storey height;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick walls with a red brick body trimmed with buff brick accents including quoining at the corners and around door and window openings, splayed arches above door and window openings, and a belt course between the ground floor level and the eaves,
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Medium pitched centre gable, with projecting, open eaves;
- Front door with transom light above;
- Six over six single hung windows.