



BY-LAW 2008-7

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Tomlinson House and Store, and Craig Blacksmith Shop

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Walker and Marchand Holdings Limited
8953 Woodbine Avenue
Markham, ON
L3R 0J9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Tomlinson House and Store, and Craig Blacksmith Shop, 8953 Woodbine Avenue and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designations are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real properties, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Tomlinson House and Store, and Craig Blacksmith Shop
8953 Woodbine Avenue
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI, MAYOR

**SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO
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In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

PT Lot 14 CON 4 as in R370759 except PT 1, 65R29476; Markham

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2008-7

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Sylvester Tomlinson house constructed circa 1853 has cultural heritage value for its association with the Tomlinson Family. Sylvester Tomlinson's father Joseph was among the earliest settlers of Markham and was listed in William Berczy's Census of 1803. Joseph Tomlinson's last marriage produced 11 children including Sylvester's brother Alfred, who was credited with constructing a dam on the Rouge River that led to the establishment of a sawmill, a woollen mill, and a shoddy mill. These mills formed the economic nucleus of Box Grove which was originally named Sparta.

The name was changed from Sparta to Box Grove by Sylvester's father Joseph when he applied for a post office in 1867 and found out that another community named Sparta already existed. It is thought that Joseph Tomlinson gave the community the name "Box Grove" due to the large number of boxwood trees in the vicinity or a historic business which used to manufacture wooden crates. The Sylvester Tomlinson house is believed to be the only remaining house with links to this prominent local family.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that reflect the early construction date and classical revival style of the of the Sylvester Tomlinson house are:

- the house's simple rectangular form and roofline;
- the symmetrical placement of windows and doors;
- the trim, transom window, and classical entablature associated with the entrance door;
- the moderately pitched gable roof;
- the 3 bay principal façade;
- the original wooden clapboard siding concealed beneath the modern vinyl siding.