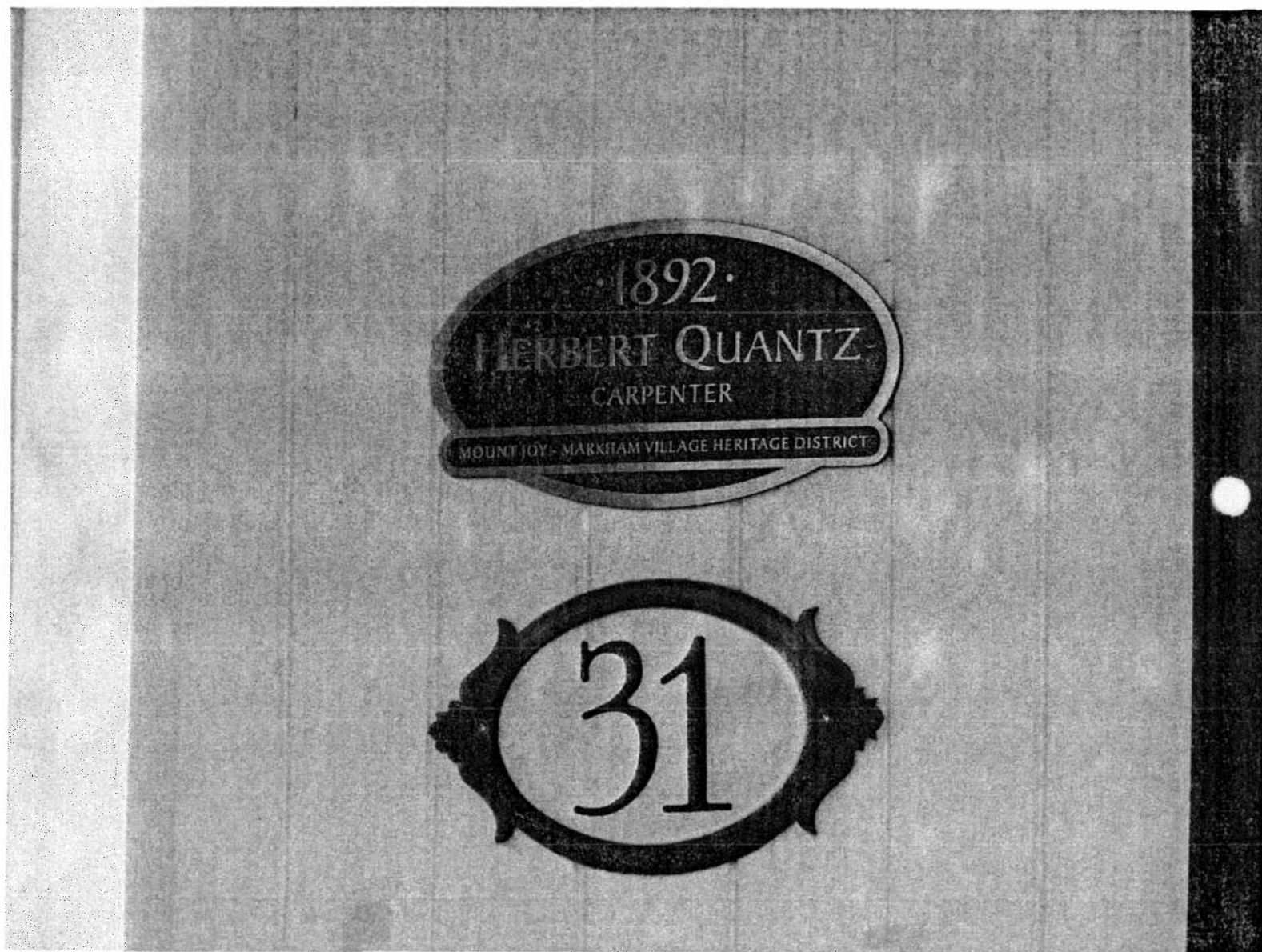


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Interpretive plaque, as installed.

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 17 DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2008

REPORT NO. 58 – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**(2) INTERPRETIVE PLAQUES FOR MOUNT JOY
HERITAGE BUILDINGS (16.11)**

That the deputation from Ms. Donna Wigmore on behalf of the Markham Village Conservancy at the November 18, 2008 Development Services Committee and at the November 25, 2008 Council Meetings be received; and,

That the deputations from Ms. Helen Walter on behalf of Old Markham Village Ratepayers Inc. and Ms. Dianne More, Markham Village Conservancy at the November 25, 2008 Council meeting be received; and,

That Council endorse the design for the interpretive plaques for the Mount Joy Heritage buildings as proposed by the Markham Village Conservancy as follows:

- That the plaque size be 10 by 17 inches; and
- That the background colour of the plaque be Prussian Blue; and,

That Council provide a grant of up to \$3,300 from the Heritage Reserve Fund (Acct. No. 087 2800 115) to the Markham Village Conservancy to assist with the cost of the interpretive plaque project for the Mount Joy portion of the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District; and,

That consideration of the following recommendation be deferred to a future meeting of the Development Services Committee to allow staff to provide additional clarification on the implications of adopting such a policy:

“That Council adopt the policy document proposed by staff titled “Guidelines for Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts”, attached as Appendix ‘F’ of the staff report dated November 18, 2008”; and further,

That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

Copy to: Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

MVC Plaque Program for Historical Homes Application Form

Name of Property Owner (s)

Property Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

On your home, you will attach your plaque to:

Brick _____ Wood _____ Other _____ (Please specify.)

I/We, the undersigned, understand and accept that the addition of the historical plaque in the MVC Plaque Program is for educational purposes and carries no legal or property implications and is not an additional designation level of Heritage Markham. The hanging of the MVC plaque on a façade of my/our home proclaims its heritage significance to the community at large, as well as pride in my/our unique heritage property.

Owner's Signature

Owner's Signature

Please complete this form and forward with a cheque for \$100.00, payable to the Markham Village Conservancy, to:

Markham Village Conservancy
214 Main Street Markham North
Markham, Ontario, L3P 1Y5

Should you have any questions please contact:

Telephone (905) 201-1453.
Email contact@markhamvillage.ca

The Conservancy meets on the second Thursday evening of each month at 7 p.m. at the Train Station. New members are always welcome. Station room rentals are available.
www.markhamvillage.ca

The Markham Village Conservancy

presents the

Plaque Program

for Historical Homes

on Peter Street, Mount Joy,

Town of Markham



*This program
marks the bicentennial
of the arrival in Mount Joy
of the Ramer family, in 1809.*

APPENDIX C

Peter Street's Historical Significance

Mount Joy was originally settled by Pennsylvania German families which came to Markham Township in the early 19th century. The Ramers (also known as Raymer and Römer) were among the first Mennonites to establish farms in the area. Mount Joy takes its name from Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the home town of early pioneer Abraham Ramer, who arrived in Markham on 1809.

The Ramer family, engaged in a diverse range of businesses, including a sawmill, a furniture factory, a cider mill and a health spa known as the "Springdale Mineral Baths." The spa operated during the same period as the Byer-Sauder Cancer Hospital at Main and David Streets.

Abraham's son, Peter Ramer, also born in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, had a farm located on the west side of Main Street North from Beech Street to David Street.

Jonas Ramer, who purchased the farm from his father, Peter, in 1879, first subdivided the Main Street frontage into what he advertised as "Suburban Lots" in 1884. In 1891, a second subdivision was created, with Jonas naming Peter Street in honour of his father. The southern part of Peter Street is one of the most intact 19th century village streetscapes in all of Markham, with many houses dating from the 1890s. The Jonas Ramer's 1858 homestead still stands on Springdale Avenue, which follows the original farm lane.

An explanation of the Plaque Program

The MVC voluntary signage program is intended to promote pride in our community's heritage by identifying examples of Peter Street's unique historical homes.

The Markham Village Conservancy has created a fund to subsidize the cost of each homeowner plaque. The Town of Markham will provide a matching grant from the Heritage Reserve Fund to further reduce the cost to each homeowner.

The Council of the Town of Markham, Heritage Markham and the Heritage Planning Department of the Town of Markham have all been consulted and have approved the MVC Plaque Program for Historical Houses on Peter Street.

Each cast aluminum plaque costs \$400.00. The MVC and the Town of Markham each contribute \$150, for a total of \$300. Each participating homeowner is obliged to pay only \$100.

This MVC program is not to be confused with bronze heritage plaques placed on individually designated homes by the Town of Markham. Now that all of the historical section of Peter Street is included in the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District, Peter Street homes are not eligible for the Town's individual designation under the Heritage Act.

The Markham Village Conservancy

The mandate of the Markham Village Conservancy is to strengthen the sense of community in Markham Village; to preserve the quality of life in the Village; and to conserve the heritage and natural elements of the Village. The Conservancy is not-for-profit registered organization.

The Markham Train Station Restoration is the founding project of the MVC. The Conservancy now manages the Station for the community and has other projects within the village on the go. The Conservancy is involved with the revitalization of Main Street Markham project and maintains close ties with other community organizations in the Markham Village area.

Plaque Details

- Cast aluminum plaque
- Dark blue background
- Brushed aluminum border and raised text
- Leatherette background texture
- 11 by 17 inches
- Single line border
- Gloss diamond exterior coating

Each sign is inscribed with "Mount Joy - Markham Village Heritage District" and will include the following:

- Date of construction
- Name of the original or significant owner
- Occupation of the original or significant owner

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Interpretive Plaques for Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in Heritage Conservation Districts

1. BACKGROUND

Individually designated properties throughout the Town receive a round bronze plaque from the Town at no charge to identify and celebrate the fact that the property is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Property owners possessing buildings of cultural heritage value or interest in Markham's heritage conservation districts ("district designation") have indicated an interest over the years in obtaining an interpretive plaque for their properties. The purpose would be to provide basic historical material on a plaque of a standardized design and type.

2. OBJECTIVE OF PROGRAM

The objective of the program is primarily educational as a means to:

- Identify the heritage resource;
- Celebrate the heritage significance of a property
- foster pride in home ownership; and
- promote cultural heritage tourism.

3. PLAQUE DETAILS

The standard elements of the plaque design are as follows:
(see attached sample illustration)

Shape - Oval

Size- 10" x 17" is standard size

Material - Aluminium with raised, brushed aluminium lettering with a leatherette texture background

Colours- Lettering to be raised, brushed aluminium, background colour to match standardized heritage conservation district approved colours unless modified by Council.

Border - Single line border.

Protection - Diamond Clear Coat to inhibit oxidation.

Message/ Information and Font- Text to include:

- original owner name (or significant person) [Sentence Case]
- Occupation [Upper Case]
- Date of construction [Numeric]
- Heritage District Name [Upper Case]

Text is to be centred.

Mounting – the plaque to be mounted on the front of the building or other prominent location.

4. INSTALLATION

All properties are designated and any alteration requires Town approval (as per the Ontario Heritage Act). The Town (Heritage Section) will be consulted regarding installation of the plaque.

The mounting of the plaque is the responsibility of the owner, unless otherwise specified.

5. COST AND FUNDING

Plaque Cost: \$400.00 (2008) inclusive of taxes.

Funding:	Town of Markham	\$150.00
	Owner and/or Local Group	\$250.00

If the basic cost of the plaque increases over time, the additional cost will be assumed by the Owner/Local Group.

The Town of Markham will review its contribution commitment, as needed. Any increase in the Town of Markham commitment will require Council approval and amendment to this policy.

The prime source of Town funding for this project will be the Heritage Reserve Fund. Council may choose to allocate additional funding to this program from other general revenue sources.

Allocation of funds to support the Town of Markham component will be considered on an annual basis by Council. The Town grant will be subject to the availability of funding.

Approved by Council:

Revised:

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February 5, 2010

HERITAGE MARKHAM
EXTRACT

APPENDIX E

DATE: March 20, 2008

TO: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM # 14 OF THE THIRD HERITAGE MARKHAM
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2008

20. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PLAQUES FOR HERITAGE AREAS (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

At the request of Councilor Burke, the Heritage Markham Committee discussed the purchase and installation of plaques for heritage properties in conservation districts.

The Senior Heritage Planner advised that a significant amount of work has already been done on this issue. The Markham Village Conservancy is interested in installing plaques on some of the buildings in Mount Joy. The Markham Village Conservancy is considering a proposal for a pilot project and if it is successful the program could be expanded. The Senior Heritage Planner advised that he does not yet know if the Conservancy will approve the wooden plaque concept, but it will be considered prior to the next meeting of Heritage Markham.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham request Heritage Section staff to pursue an interpretive plaquing program for all of the Town of Markham conservation districts based on the Markham Village Conservancy's proposal.

CARRIED.

1. Introduction:

It is the policy of Markham Council that in all subdivision agreements in which a heritage structure is to be retained, and in site plan and development agreements when deemed necessary by Council, a Letter of Credit in the amount of the estimated market value (i.e. replacement cost) of the structure be taken and in the event that the structure is damaged or demolished it shall be repaired or reconstructed to the satisfaction of the Town or the subject Letter of Credit will be drawn.

In situations where a heritage building has been damaged or destroyed, the Letter of Credit is drawn by the Town unless the building is repaired or reconstructed to the satisfaction of the Town. In the past, where such repairs could not be made, the monies from the Letter of Credit were transferred to the Town's general revenue accounts. The monies from these Letters of Credit are now to be allocated to the Heritage Reserve Fund.

2. Purpose:

Monies collected in the Heritage Reserve Fund are to be used to provide funding in four general program areas:

- municipal restoration projects;
- municipal acquisition of heritage buildings;
- municipal projects of a heritage communicative nature such as historic plaques and signage; and
- heritage studies such as heritage conservation district studies.

3. Criteria:

The criteria for allocating funding in each of the four general program areas are described below:

i) Municipal Restoration Projects

Financial assistance provided under the Municipal Restoration Projects component of this Fund is to be used for the restoration of significant architectural features which are original to a heritage building but which are no longer evident, and for the conservation of existing significant architectural elements. The financial assistance may be used for the restoration and/or conservation of both internal and external physical elements of a building and it may include hidden structural work if it relates to and affects the integrity of the building's heritage character.

The regular maintenance of a building shall not be eligible for financial assistance from the Heritage Reserve Fund.

To be eligible for financial assistance, buildings must be considered historically and/or architecturally significant and either owned by the municipality or occupied by the municipality such as in the case of a long term lease. In the latter case, the owner would be required to enter into a heritage easement allowing the owner to retain possession and use of the property while ensuring its future preservation.

ii) Municipal Acquisition of Heritage Buildings

Monies from the Heritage Reserve Fund may be used by the Town to acquire buildings of architectural and/or historical significance which are threatened. For example, as a final option, a significant heritage structure threatened with demolition could be acquired by the municipality and possibly resold to a sympathetic owner with a heritage easement on the property.

All other options for the retention of significant buildings should be exhausted prior to consideration of municipal acquisition.

iii) Commemorative Plaques and Signage Projects

Financial assistance will be available for the production and installation of plaques commemorating important people, places and events related to the history of Markham. These plaques can help raise public awareness of and develop an appreciation for the Town's past. Historical information will be displayed on a standard Town of Markham Commemorative Plaque, the design and size of which is to be determined. Designation plaques which identify buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act will continue to be funded through the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (Heritage Markham) budget.

Heritage related signage such as boundary identification signs for Heritage Conservation Districts or signage identifying an interesting project such as an archaeological excavation can also be funded through this component of the Heritage Reserve Fund.

iv) Heritage Studies

Financial resources from the Heritage Reserve Fund can also be used to fund studies of a heritage nature such as heritage conservation district studies.