

## **xx-2012**

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
Adam Betz House

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 cultural heritage 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:

Regional Director  
Programs and Pickering Lands Branch  
Ontario Region, Transport Canada  
Attn: Rob Bergevin  
4900 Yonge Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Adam Betz House, 10676 Reesor Road, 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 designation 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 property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Adam Betz House  
10676 Reesor Road  
Markham, ON

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  
XXX DAY OF XXX, 20XX.

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KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

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FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

# **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW xx-2012**

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

LT 21 CON 9 MARKHAM, LT 22 CON 9 MARKHAM, LT 23 CON 9 MARKHAM; LT 24  
CON 9 MARKHAM; LT 25 CON 9 MARKHAM EXCEPT PT 4 64R1780, MA36897 &  
MA73084; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

# SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW xx-2012

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **Adam Betz House** **East Half Lot 25, Concession 9** **10676 Reesor Road** **c.1871**

The Adam Betz 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 Adam Betz House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Reesor Road, just south of the crossroads of Elgin Mills Road and Reesor Road. The house faces east, and is set far back from the road.

#### **Design or Physical Value**

The Adam Betz House is a typical example of a frame, centre-gabled Classic Ontario Farmhouse. The house is simply detailed, with no decorative bargeboards or pointed-arched window in the Gothic Revival centre gable. The flat-headed door and window openings remain in their original size, but now contain modern doors and windows.

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

The Adam Betz House has historical value for its association with Adam Betz, a German immigrant that arrived in Markham in the 1870s. Adam Betz was a farmer. His descendants continued to own and farm the property until 1955.

#### **Contextual Value**

The house at 10676 Reesor Road remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Adam Betz House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its one and a half storey height, rectangular plan with a one storey rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with the original finish concealed beneath later claddings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves and steep centre gable;
- Simple front door opening;
- Flat-headed windows openings, which would likely have originally had wood 2 over 2 sash windows based on the age and style of the house.