

## **xx-2012**

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
James Brison Johnson 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 James Brison Johnson House, 10295 Ninth Line, 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:

James Brison Johnson House  
10295 Ninth Line  
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

### **James Brison Johnson House** West Half Lot 22, Concession 9 10295 Ninth Line c.1915

The James Brison Johnson 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 James Brison Johnson House is a two and a half storey frame dwelling located on the east side of Ninth Line, just north of Major Mackenzie Drive East. The house faces south, and is located a short distance from the road.

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

The James Brison Johnson House is a good example of a frame farmhouse in the American Foursquare style. Its design and detailing are typical of the simplified character of Markham's post-Victorian rural houses built in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This frame example is noteworthy as most houses of this type that were constructed in Markham Township were faced in red pressed brick.

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

The James Brison Johnson House has historical value for its association with James Brison Johnson (who went by the name Brison), a farmer, whose lived on the property from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century until 1967. The Johnson family were established in the immediate area as early as 1827, when Cornelius Johnson purchased a neighbouring property. The present house at 10295 Ninth Line was probably built by the Johnson family some time between 1914 and 1925, and may have replaced an earlier house on the property.

#### **Contextual Value**

The house at 10295 Ninth Line remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community on the outskirts of the historic neighbourhood of Milnesville.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the James Brison Johnson House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two and a half storey height, cubic plan, one storey sidewing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with original wood siding underlying the existing vinyl cladding;
- Hipped roof with hipped roofed dormer and wide overhanging eaves;
- Gable-roof of the sidewing, with the slope continuing over a full-width veranda;
- Red brick chimney;
- Hipped roofed wrap-around veranda formerly supported on full-height, wood Tuscan columns;
- Flat-headed door and window openings now with replacement windows but previously with wood, one over one sash windows, based on the style of the house and the date of construction.