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A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
John B. Miller 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, 4th Floor
Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the John B. Miller House, 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E., 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:

John B. Miller House
7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E.
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.

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM
TOWN CLERK

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:

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MA73084; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW xx-2012

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John B. Miller House
West Half Lot 21, Concession 9
7134 Major Mackenzie Drive East
c.1855

The John B. Miller 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 John B. Miller House is a one and a half storey fieldstone dwelling located on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive East, between Ninth Line and Reesor Road. The house was constructed into a natural slope so that it is two and a half storeys at the eastern end. The house is not visible from the road, and overlooks a tributary of the Rouge River.

Design or Physical Value

The John B. Miller House is a noteworthy and locally rare example of a fieldstone bank house, constructed to fit within a natural slope. The house is a good example of vernacular Georgian tradition architecture. The fieldstone wall construction is accented with squared stone quoins at the corners and buff and red brick quoins and arches around door and window openings. The application of the quoin treatment around the door and window openings is a distinctly Scottish detail, suggesting the house may have been built by Scottish stone masons.

Historical or Associative Value

The John B. Miller House has historical value for its association with John B. Miller, a grandson of Jacob Miller and Phoebe (Gould) Miller, American immigrants from Erie County, New York, who arrived in Markham Township in 1796. The family were farmers and founding members of the Ninth Line Baptist Church.

Contextual Value

The house at 7134 Major Mackenzie Drive East remains in a rural setting, significant for having been built to address the specific topography of its site on the banks of a tributary of the Rouge River.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the John B. Miller House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two and a half storey height, rectangular plan, the volume of the structure, and its siting into a natural slope;
- Fieldstone wall construction with squared stone quoins at the corners and buff and red brick quoins and arches around door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves, eave returns and associated wood mouldings;
- Front doorcase with multi-paned transom light, multi-paned sidelights and wood door;
- Flat-headed, multi-paned wood sash-style windows with a 6 over 6 glazing pattern and projecting window sills.