

## **xx-2012**

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
Noble Tenant Farmer's 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 Noble Tenant Farmer's House, 11122 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:

Noble Tenant Farmer's House  
11122 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 26 CON 9 MARKHAM; LT 27 CON 9 MARKHAM; LT 28 CON 9 MARKHAM; LT 29  
CON 9 MARKHAM; PT LT 30 CON 9 MARKHAM AS IN MA80925 SE OF PT 3 64R2445  
EXCEPT MA34367, MA40144, MA45350 & MA47789

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

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

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **Noble Tenant Farmer's House East Half Lot 28, Concession 9 11122 Reesor Road c.1840**

The Noble Tenant Farmer's 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 Noble Tenant Farmer's House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Reesor Road, approximately half way between Elgin Mills Road East and Nineteenth Avenue. The house faces east, and is set far back from the road.

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

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House is a typical example of a modest tenant farmer's house in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. The asymmetrical arrangement of the door and window openings on the front façade is an indication of an early date of construction and a common element of vernacular architecture where the practicality of the interior plan took precedence over the exterior design. The front veranda is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century addition. A barn associated with the house is located to the west.

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

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House has historical value for its association with Ambrose Noble, an American immigrant from Massachusetts who came to Markham in 1816. Ambrose Noble and his son, Charles, operated a tannery from their home farm at Mount Joy in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. By 1861, the family concentrated on farming. The Noble family did not at any time reside on this property; rather it was occupied by tenant farmers. The rear wing may be the initial phase of construction of the existing house, perhaps dating from as early as c.1840, when the land was purchased from King's College.

#### **Contextual Value**

The house at 11122 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 Noble Tenant Farmer's House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its one and a half storey height, L-shaped plan incorporating 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;
- Simple front door opening;
- Flat-headed windows openings, with wood 2 over 2 sash windows;
- Hipped-roofed front veranda supported on simple wood posts.