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May 26, 1998

Locust Hill United Church  
The United Church of Canada



Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 15-96 - To Designate a Certain Property  
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value  
or Interest (The Locust Hill United Church -  
7668 Highway #7) File: 16.11.3

During the past few weeks, we have been reviewing a number of our old heritage files, and discovered that your file had not been totally finalized.

We now wish to advise that Council, at its meeting held February 13, 1996 passed By-law 15-96 to designate "The Locust Hill United Church", 7668 Highway #7, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest. A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

You should have been informed of this immediately following the meeting of Council, and we apologize for the delay.

Sincerely,

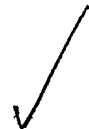
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Harrison".

Janice Harrison  
Manager, Secretariat Services

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Encl.

c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation -  
Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation



# MARKHAM

## BY - LAW

### 15-96

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of Historic and/or Architectural value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29, Subsection 6 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural 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 as outlined hereunder:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Locust Hill United Church, 7668 Highway 7, Markham and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

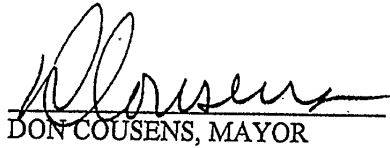
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, being The Locust Hill United Church, 7668 Highway 7, Markham, more particularly described as outlined in Schedule 'A' attached is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest;
  
2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.



BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK



DON COUSENS, MAYOR

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**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 15-96**

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York formerly in the geographic Township of Markham in the County of York, being composed of Part of Lot 11, Concession 10 further described as being Part 1 on Plan of Survey 64R-4247.

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 15-96

### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Locust Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church is recommended for designation under Part 1V of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its architectural and historical significance.

#### Architectural Reasons

The Locust Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church provides an excellent example of a rural church, built in much vernacularized Gothic Revival Style.

Rectangular in plan with a pentagonal apse and a narrow exonarthex on the front, the Locust Hill Methodist Church is directed in a transverse rather than liturgical siting.

One storey in height, the church is set on a dressed and rock-faced stone foundation eight courses high. The walls are constructed of red brick laid in stretcher bond with polychromatic decoration. Buff brick details include a seven-course plinth; radiating voussoirs stepped at the springing line over all centre-pointed openings, the voussoir over the front louvred window terminating in pendentive points; a two course, stepped belt at the springing line on the east and west facades as well as on the five faces of the apse; radiating voussoirs with a projecting header course at the outer border surrounding the rose window and shaped transom on the front facade; a label of buff brick to joint the voussoir to the plinth forming a complete surround at the front entrance.

A high pitch roof with projecting eaves and enclosed rafters covers the main church and exonarthex with a pentagonal roof over the apse. The front facade of the exonarthex is corbelled to rise in a gabled parapet with a single corbiestep and stone cornice.

The typical window openings, located between the buttresses on the east and west facades, on either side of the exonarthex on the front facade, centrally on the east and west facades of the exonarthex as well as on the northeast and northwest faces of the apse, are all centre-pointed in shape and recessed with moulded wood trim. Each typical window comprises a 2/2 double hung sash window of etched glass with a centre-pointed transom containing a trefoil pattern in blue, green, yellow and red stains. The etched glass in a stencilled arabesque pattern incorporating geometric forms.

Centre-pointed louvred windows are located just under the north and south gables. The basement windows, located above ground and directly below the centre-pointed windows on the apse and east and west facades are 2/2 casements, recessed with moulded wood trim.

Three semi-circular blind windows with a continuous lugsill and red brick radiating voussoirs adorn the parapet. A rose window with six stained glass foils comprising geometric forms of red, green and yellow, is located under the front gable. The wooden tracery includes an overlay with heart-shaped cut-outs in each cusp accentuates the outline of the foils.

The main entrance is semi-circular, recessed and located centrally on the south facade of the exonarthex. Recently installed, double-leaf wood panelled doors feature a central, semi-circular panel surrounded by 11 rectangular panels, two of which have scalloped corners. The shaped, stained glass transom with six foils of geometric red, blue and yellow shapes has wooden tracery with curved triangular appliques in each cusp and a heavily moulded semi-circular hub.

A secondary entrance to the lower level of the church is located on the east side of the apse. The opening is rectangular with a single-leaf, four-panel wood door and radiating red brick voussoir.

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 115-96 - Continued

Mrs. Christian Reesor, Mrs. Annie Button, William Major and William McDonald laid the corner stones on June 10, 1890, and placed current issues of "The Globe", "Mail", "Empire", "Economist", "Sun" and "Pickering News" under the northeast stone. The dedication services were held on December 21st and December 28th, 1890 with Rev. Peter Addison, Rev. Edward Roberts and Rev. William Pirritte as guest speakers.

The Locust Hill Church Cemetery remains on the south side of Highway 7 as a reminder of the location of the original Methodist Church. Such prominent Markham residents as William Button and his 6 daughters, the Reynolds family and Rev. Cornelious Flumerfeldt are all laid to rest here.

The Locust Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church is the only church located within the hamlet of Locust Hill. Its construction and name reflects the significant wave of development in this area which took place after the arrival of the Ontario & Quebec Railway and resulted in the establishment of the hamlet of Locust Hill during the 1880s.

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