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February 9, 1999

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20 David Gohn Circle
Markham, Ontario
L6E 1A7

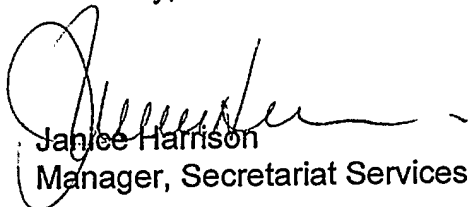
Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 12-1999 - To Designate a Certain Property
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value
or Interest (The John Ramsey House -
20 David Gohn Circle) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held January 26th, 1999 passed By-law 12-1999 to designate "The John Ramsey House", 20 David Gohn Circle, 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.

Sincerely,



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

12-1999

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The John Ramsay House, 20 David Gohn Circle

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 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 at:

[REDACTED]
20 David Gohn Circle
Markham, Ontario
L6E 1A7

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The John Ramsay House, located at 20 David Gohn Circle, 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 historic and/or architectural value or interest:

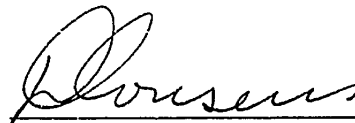
The John Ramsay House
20 David Gohn Circle
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK



DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY.

B. PANIZZA

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 12-1999

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

Lot 23, Plan 65M-2761

MARKHAM

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 12-1999

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The John Ramsay House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical and architectural significance.

Historical Reasons

The John Ramsay House was built in two stages, firstly at about c.1850 as a 1 ½ storey workers cottage and then, approximately 50 years later a full second storey was added, giving the building its current form.

Originally located on Lot 19, Concession 5 and fronting onto Kennedy Road, the property was originally settled by Berczy Settler, John (Frederick) Stamm. John was 42 in the 1804 census, his wife Catherina was 38, and their children were John (9), Catherina (7) and Henry (6). They received the crown patent for the property on Lot 19, Concession 5 in 1816. John was one of those who worked on the clearing of Yonge Street in February 1795.

In 1821, John Hunter purchased the eastern 100 acres from Stamm. John Hunter was married to the Reverend Vincent Mayerhoffer's daughter, Charlotte.

By 1843, Charlotte Hunter was widowed and remarried on December 3, 1843 to John Dunn of Whitchurch Township. It appears that the couple resided in Whitchurch.

By 1875, Charlotte neé Mayerhoffer Hunter Dunn Thompson sold to John Eckardt who sold within a year to John Ramsay.

The 1881 Census lists John Ramsay (Ramsey) and his family (Catherine his wife, and children William, George, H. Lois L. and Lilly M.) at this site. According to this listing, all members of the Ramsay family were born in Ontario and belonged to the Canadian Methodist Church. John Ramsay was listed as a farmer and his eldest son, William, was listed as a school teacher.

A home is illustrated at this location on the 1853/54 Map as well as the 1878 York County Atlas Map of Markham Township. The architecture of the structure, appears to indicate that while it attained its current appearance in the late 19th or early 20th Century, the core structure was built at an early date, and then it was raised to a full second storey.

Architectural Significance

The John Ramsay House is an example of a modest vernacular Markham Township farmhouse, built c.1850, that was adapted and enlarged through the late 19th Century to meet the changing needs of the family which occupied it.

The house was originally 1 to 1½ storeys in height and was adapted later in the 19th or early 20th Century to a full two storeys. The house has a three bay facade on the first storey and has two paired windows on the upper storey.

The house is clad in vertical tongue and groove wood, which may date from the time that the second storey was added. The original 1½ storey structure may have been clad in board and batten, or horizontal wood as was typical for the 1850s period.

Evidence of the early date of construction for the original house was seen most clearly on the interior, where supporting beams for the second storey, on the right side of the house were clad in an ornate red cherry wood, which is a typical mid 19th Century, Germanic architectural feature.

The large wall boards also showed evidence of wallpaper being directly laid on top. Given the somewhat windswept original location of the house, the living conditions in winter, in the house can only be speculated.

The house has a full front porch with a shed roof, evidence of which was provided in a stain in the woodwork, beneath the later 20th Century horizontal wood and aluminium siding.

The windows on the house are all double hung, and apart from the second storey windows at the front and sides, all have a 2/2 pane division.

The original front door was a simple, four panelled variety, typical of Markham Township. This feature has now been replicated on the restored home.

The glazed side doors, appear to have been converted solid 4 panel doors.