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Re:

By-law 2008-6- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (Victoria Square Schoolhouse S.S. No. 6 - 10137 Woodbine Avenue)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on January 22, 2008, passed Bylaw 2008-6, which designated "Victoria Square Schoolhouse S.S. No. 6", 10137 Woodbine Avenue, 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,

Kimberley Kitteringham

Town Clerk

Encl.

cc:

The Ontario Heritage Trust

R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning



BY-LAW 2008-6

A by-law to designate a property as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest Victoria Square Schoolhouse S.S. No. 6

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:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate Victoria Square Schoolhouse S.S. No. 6, 10137 Woodbine Avenue 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 designations 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 properties, 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:

Victoria Square Schoolhouse S.S. No. 6 10137 Woodbine Avenue 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 properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2008-6

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

PT W1/2 LT 21 CON 4 Markham as in R691024; Markham

TOWN OF MARKHAM REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2008-6

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The former schoolhouse has cultural heritage value as a representative and early example of a one room schoolhouse from the late 19th century which served rural Markham for many years. Built in 1877, the schoolhouse, still on its original fieldstone foundation, exhibited architectural features associated with the Gothic Revival style unlike many of Markham Township's schools which were designed with Italianate architectural features. Noteworthy architectural features include the former window and door treatment, the steep gable roof and the vertical wood siding.

The former schoolhouse building also has cultural heritage value in association with its role as serving the educational and community requirements of the Victoria Square area for 89 years (1877-1966). It is also has contextual value as only one of two remaining heritage buildings marking the agricultural community that once existed around the crossroads of Woodbine Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of 10137 Woodbine Avenue include:

- simple rectangular plan
- one storey height on the exterior
- beaded-edge tongue and groove, vertical board siding
- steeply pitched gable roof with overhanging open eaves
- original door and window openings
- 6 paned transom lights over front doors, with Gothic Revival trim
- school section date plaque
- remnants of decorative label mouldings over door and window openings
- remnant of original door and window frames