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January 19, 2012

Jim Leonard  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act**

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV*:

John B. Miller House 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E  
James Brison Johnson House 10295 Ninth Line  
John Boyles House 11190 York Durham Line  
Richard Tarr House 7368 Elgin Mills Road E  
David Burke House 10531 Reesor Road  
Wellington Wideman House 11201 Reesor Road  
James Collins House 11223 Reesor Road  
Noble Tenant Farmer's House 11122 Reesor Road  
Adam Betz House 10676 Reesor Road

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham  
Attention: Judy Carroll  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

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A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 7368 Elgin Mills Road East

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Richard Tarr House**  
**East Half Lot 26, Concession 9**  
**7368 Elgin Mills Road East**  
**c.1894**

The Richard Tarr 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 Richard Tarr House is a two storey red brick dwelling located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road, just west of the crossroads of Elgin Mills Road and Reesor Road. The house faces south, and is set back a short distance from the road.

### **Design or Physical Value**

The Richard Tarr House is an unusual example of a brick, vernacular farmhouse from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, with a Georgian Tradition form and arrangement of openings, but with a hipped, pyramidal roof and cubic plan reflecting echoes of the earlier Italianate style. Its simplicity of form and detail is a noteworthy departure from the more prevalent irregular outlines and exuberant decoration of late Victorian houses in Markham Township. The house is therefore significant as a precursor of the Edwardian Classical and Foursquare style brick houses that became common in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is not known if the second storey door on the front façade ever opened onto a balcony or two-storey porch.

### **Historical or Associative Value**

The Richard Tarr House has historical value for its association with George and Richard Tarr. The Tarr family purchased the former Degeer farm in 1893. Richard Tarr and his wife, Esther, resided here in the early years of the building's construction, according to assessment records. The Markham Township Map of 1918 indicates the property was in the ownership of George K. Tarr at that time. The farm was sold out of the family in 1919.

### **Contextual Value**

The house at 7368 Elgin Mills Road East 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 Richard House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two storey height, cubic plan with a two storey frame rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Red brick walls with brick arches over door and window openings;
- Pyramidal roof with overhanging eaves, associated wood mouldings and single-stack red brick chimney;
- Simple front door opening on the ground floor, and second storey door opening above;
- Flat-headed windows openings, with transomed, large-paned windows on the ground floor front, and wood, 1 over 1 sash windows elsewhere.