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Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 2012-5 - To designate certain property as being of cultural heritage value or interest (Graham-Wideman House – 11584 Highway 48)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on January 24, 2012, passed By-law 2012-5, which designated the "Graham-Wideman House", 11584 Highway 48, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

Encl.

cc: The Ontario Heritage Trust
R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

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BY-LAW 2012-5

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
Graham-Wideman 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:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Graham-Wideman House, 11584 Highway 48 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:

Graham-Wideman House
11584 Highway 48
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
24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.

"Kimberley Kitteringham"

KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM
TOWN CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2012-5

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

PT LT 31 CON 7 MARKHAM AS IN MA42648; TOWN OF MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW 2012-5

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 11584 Highway 48

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Graham-Wideman House

c.1850, enlarged c.1900

11584 Highway 48

The Graham-Wideman 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 Graham-Wideman House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Highway 48, north of 19th Avenue, in the community of Dickson Hill. The house forms part of a group of buildings that also includes a gambrel-roofed barn, and a milkhouse overlooking a branch of the Rouge River.

Design or Physical Value

The Graham-Wideman House is a good example of vernacular architecture in the form of an evolved building. The structure incorporates at least three distinct periods of historical development: the mid-19th century for the north section, the c.1900 period for the south section and west wing (which likely was designed to contain a kitchen and woodshed), and the mid 20th century for the grouped windows and enclosed front porch. The L-plan form, medium-pitched gable roof, and vertical wood siding are architectural elements typically associated with the Gothic Revival style, but overall, due to alterations and the absence of decorative features, the house in its evolved form is a vernacular building with an eclectic character.

Historical or Associative Value

The Graham-Wideman House has historical value for its association with two early Markham Township families and the theme of agricultural development. The Graham family owned the property from 1837 to 1912. They were English immigrants that farmed the entire 200 acres of Lot 31, Concession 7 and improved the property by the construction of a frame house, and later, a two storey stone house (still standing at 5474 19th Avenue). The Wideman family, owners from 1912 to the mid 20th century, were the second long-time owners. The Widemans were Pennsylvania-German Mennonites that came to Markham in 1803, settling in the community of Milnesville, not far from Dickson Hill.

Contextual Value

The property at 11584 Highway 48 remains in a rural setting, on the periphery of the Dickson Hill hamlet. It is a remnant of the original farm, approximately 9 acres in area. A branch of the Rouge River runs through the south part of the site. The Graham-Wideman House has contextual significance as a component of a traditional farmstead consisting of a farmhouse, barn and milkhouse.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Graham-Wideman House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the one and a half storey L-plan main block and one storey rear wing;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Vertical V-groove tongue and groove wood siding;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves;
- Side porch with chamfered wood posts;
- Remnant upright rectangular shaped window openings from the c.1900 period of expansion and remodelling, which likely were originally glazed with 2 over 2 sash windows.