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# Planning and Urban Design

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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, FRANK AND MARY JARVIS HOUSE, 7804 HIGHWAY 7 EAST**

To [REDACTED]

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 1, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 7804 Highway 7 East under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance**

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (May 8, 2024). Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' at the link below. The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>

Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at [emanning@markham.ca](mailto:emanning@markham.ca)

Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Frank and Mary Jarvis House

7804 Highway 7 East  
c.1910

The Frank and Mary Jarvis House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 Frank and Mary Jarvis House is a one-and-a-half storey red brick dwelling located on the north side of Highway 7 East, in the historic community of Locust Hill. The house faces south.

### **Design Value and Physical Value**

The Frank and Mary Jarvis House has design value and physical value as a representative example of a village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical details. It is typical of the spacious, simply detailed houses built on farms and in villages throughout Markham Township in the first quarter of the twentieth century. The house was constructed in the form of an American Foursquare, with a functional, compact shape and deep front veranda. The red pressed brick cladding and two-and-a-half storey form of the house with a broad hip roof are representative features of the style. Its architectural detailing reflects Edwardian Classicism, a style popular from the early 1900s through the 1920s.

### **Historical Value and Associative Value**

The Frank and Mary Jarvis House has historical value for its association with the early twentieth century development of the hamlet of Locust Hill, and specifically the creation of building lots on farms intended for the use of family members, and for its association with Henry Frank Jarvis and Mary (Burns) Jarvis from 1911 to the mid-twentieth century. The house was built c.1910 on a parcel of the Jonathan Jarvis and Agnes (Reesor) Jarvis farm that was eventually sold to their son, Henry Frank Jarvis (known as Frank), in 1929. He was a carpenter by trade. The construction of the house pre-dated the formal transfer of the land.

### **Contextual Value**

The Frank and Mary Jarvis House has contextual value for being important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area as one of a grouping of late nineteenth and early twentieth century residences that together constitute the historic hamlet of Locust Hill.

## **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Frank and Mary Jarvis House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06, as amended, criteria below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a representative example of a village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical details:*

- Cubic form;
- Two-and-a-half storey height;
- Concrete foundation;
- Red brick veneer;
- Hip roof with overhanging, closed eaves.
- Three-bay primary (south) elevation with single leaf door, placed slightly off-centre.
- Rectangular window openings with cambered, radiating brick arches, and concrete lugsills;
- Open front veranda with hip roof and square, tapered wood columns resting on brick pedestals with concrete caps, and low railing with turned balusters.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the early twentieth century development of the hamlet of Locust Hill, and specifically the creation of building lots on farms intended for the use of family members as the former residence of Frank and Mary Jarvis:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of Locust Hill's early twentieth century development and the Jarvis family that historically resided there.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that helps define the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Locust Hill:*

- The location of the building on its original site, facing south, within the historic hamlet of Locust Hill.

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:*

- Front dormer.
- Non-operational window shutters;
- Accessory building.