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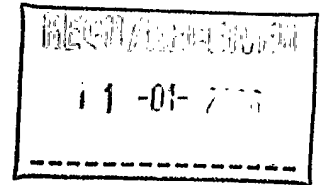
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Clerk's Department  
Corporate Services Commission

January 10, 2006

777192 Ontario Ltd.  
26000 John Street, Ste. 224  
Markham, ON  
L3R 3W3



Dear 777192 Ontario Ltd.:

Re: By-law 2005-365- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (Raymer-Robb Farmhouse - 7555 Markham Road)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on December 13, 2005, passed By-law 2005-365, which designated "Raymer-Robb Farmhouse", 7555 Markham Road, 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,

Sheila Birrell  
Town Clerk

Encl.

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

Feb 10/06  
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CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY  
"Sheila Birrell" c/s  
SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM



## BY-LAW 2005-365

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
Raymer-Robb Farmhouse

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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:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate Raymer-Robb Farmhouse, 7555 Markham Road 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:

Raymer-Robb Farmhouse  
7555 Markham Road  
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  
13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

"Patricia Miller"

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PATRICIA MILLER  
DEPUTY CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

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FRANK SCARPITTI  
DEPUTY MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2005-365**

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

Part Lot 4 Concession 8, Town of Markham, now designated as Part 6 on Reference  
Plan of Survey 65R-28402

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**SCHEDULE 'B' TO  
BY-LAW 2005-365**

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**Raymer-Robb Farmhouse  
7555 Markham Road**

**1853, with major remodelling and additions c.1908**

The Raymer-Robb Farmhouse is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property having cultural value and interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance:

**Historical Value:**

The oldest portion of the Raymer-Robb Farmhouse was built in 1853 for Jacob Raymer, a member of a prominent Pennsylvania-German Mennonite family that settled in Markham Township in 1807. Jacob Raymer was a farmer and a Mennonite lay preacher. He married Susannah Barkey and raised 5 sons on their farm on the west half of Lot 4, Concession 8. Raymer sold the property to another local farmer, William Robb, in 1879, and moved to Stouffville where he operated a grist mill. William Robb, an immigrant from County Lanarkshire, Scotland, was a blacksmith and farmer who lived in a stone house at Armadale. The former Raymer farm was occupied by William Robb's son, George, who was deeded the property by his father in 1881. The extensive remodelling of the house to its current form is believed to have coincided with George Robb's marriage to Barbara McBeath after the death of his first wife, Mary Dimma, in 1904.

**Architectural Value:**

The Raymer-Robb Farmhouse is a noteworthy example of an evolved building, reflecting two significant periods of development by different owners. The early core of the house, consisting of the remnants of a one storey brick section comprising the east half of the ground floor of the present brick dwelling and a one storey frame wing attached to its east wall, dates from 1853, according to a notation in the 1861 census. The frame wing was built in the vernacular Georgian style, and may have been placed in its existing orientation during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century modifications to the farmhouse. In its current form, the Raymer-Robb Farmhouse primarily reflects a vernacular interpretation of the High Victorian Queen Anne Revival style. The distinguishing features that associate this building with the Queen Anne Revival style include the monochromatic red brick finish, full two storey height, slate roof, and the two storey bay windows with semi-elliptical arched heads topped with a prominent front gable with robust fretwork brackets.

**Contextual Value:**

The Raymer-Robb Farmhouse, as a building showing two distinct periods of development, is an interesting example of the economy of a Markham farmer in building upon the work of an earlier generation instead of replacing a serviceable older structure with a completely new one. This building is a demonstration of the careful use of resources rather than an expression of sentiment in preserving and enhancing an old homestead. The 19<sup>th</sup> century character of the farmhouse is a rather late expression of the High Victorian Queen Anne Revival style, an indication of the conservative tastes of some of the rural population of rural Markham in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Significant Architectural Attributes:**

- main L-shaped, 2 storey brick section of the house;
- red brick walls with decorative arches over door and window openings;
- gable roof with slate roofing, projecting, open eaves with wood soffits and fascia boards;
- 2 storey box bays with large windows with semi-elliptical arched transom lights, multi-paned sidelights and rusticated stone sills;
- decorative wood fretwork brackets and gable ornaments;
- wood 1/1 sash-style windows on all sides of the house, including projecting window sills;
- single storey frame east wing, with its rectangular plan and vertical tongue and groove wood siding;
- wood 2/2 sash style windows on the frame east wing, with their associated wood frames and projecting sills;
- centre door on the frame east wing.