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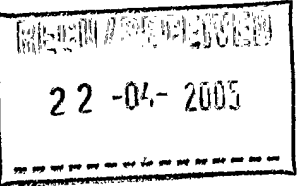
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Clerk's Department
Corporate Services Commission



April 20, 2005

Brian Varner
Manager, Real Property
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Brian Varner:

Re: By-law 2005-77- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (St. John's Lutheran Cemetery - 8933 Woodbine Avenue)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on March 29, 2005, passed By-law 2005-77, which designated "St. John's Lutheran Cemetery", 8933 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,

Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

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

8/12/05
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BY-LAW 2005-77

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

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 St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, 8933 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:

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
8933 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
29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2005-77

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

Pt Lt 13, Con 4, Parts 2 and 3, 65R12127

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2005-77

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, located on Buttonville Crescent East, is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery is one of the last reminders of what was once a thriving Lutheran community in the Buttonville area. It is believed that the first Lutheran Service in Buttonville took place in the Home of Captain Schutze, a prominent resident of the village.

The first St. John's Lutheran Church built in Buttonville was of log construction and was built in the 1820s on land donated by Captain Schutze, a veteran of the War of 1812. The Lutherans at Buttonville built a new frame St. John's Church in 1853 on the site of the log church. In 1892 that church was replaced by another of brick. Built on the west side of Woodbine Avenue under the direction of Daniel Quantz, chairman of the Building Services Committee. The congregation was mostly descendants of the original Berczy settlers, and appropriately at the opening services of the brick church, the first reverend, Edward Ritter read a manuscript telling of the struggles of the Berczy settlers in their journey to establish a new community in Markham.

Although it was regarded as one of the most handsome small churches in Markham, the congregation gradually dwindled in the years following the First World War. By the 1920s, services were held only occasionally and in 1932 it was decided to relocate the congregation to Unionville. The old church was torn down leaving only the graveyard and remnants of its foundation to mark the site.

The cemetery, framed by mature trees, at the rear of the village, on a height of land over a tributary of the Rouge River, remains as a strong and picturesque reminder of the earliest settlers who came here for their church. The names included in the cemetery include John H. Stiver, a highly regarded War of 1812 soldier, William Henry Stiver (1831-1919), Peter Stiver (d. 1858), Robert Scott (1826-1910), Anna Burr (d. 1861) and John George Scheits a Native of Hanover Germany, d. 1837).

Architectural Reasons

As a cemetery, the principle physical attributes of the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery are the early headstones of marble and granite, set to the south of the village in a small ravine surrounded by mature trees.

Contextual Reasons

The St. John's Lutheran Cemetery is of contextual significance as an important reminder of the early Lutheran Congregation at Buttonville and the strong ties that the early Berczy Settlers had with this community.

Significant Heritage Attributes:

1. Early headstones of Marble and Granite;
2. Mature Trees surrounding the cemetery clearing;