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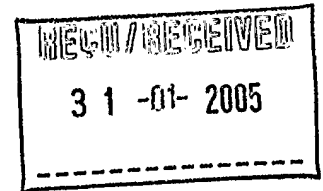


cc: Tamarq Anson-Cartwright

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Clerk's Department
Corporate Services Commission

REGISTERED MAIL



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN PT LT 13, CON 4,
PART 2, 3, 4, 65R12127, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 8933 WOODBINE
AVENUE, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3
Attn: Catherine Axford, Chairman's Executive Assistant

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town
of Markham intends to designate the property, including land and
building, known municipally as 8933 Woodbine Avenue, Markham,
as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under
Part 1V of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of St.
John's Lutheran Cemetery, is attached.

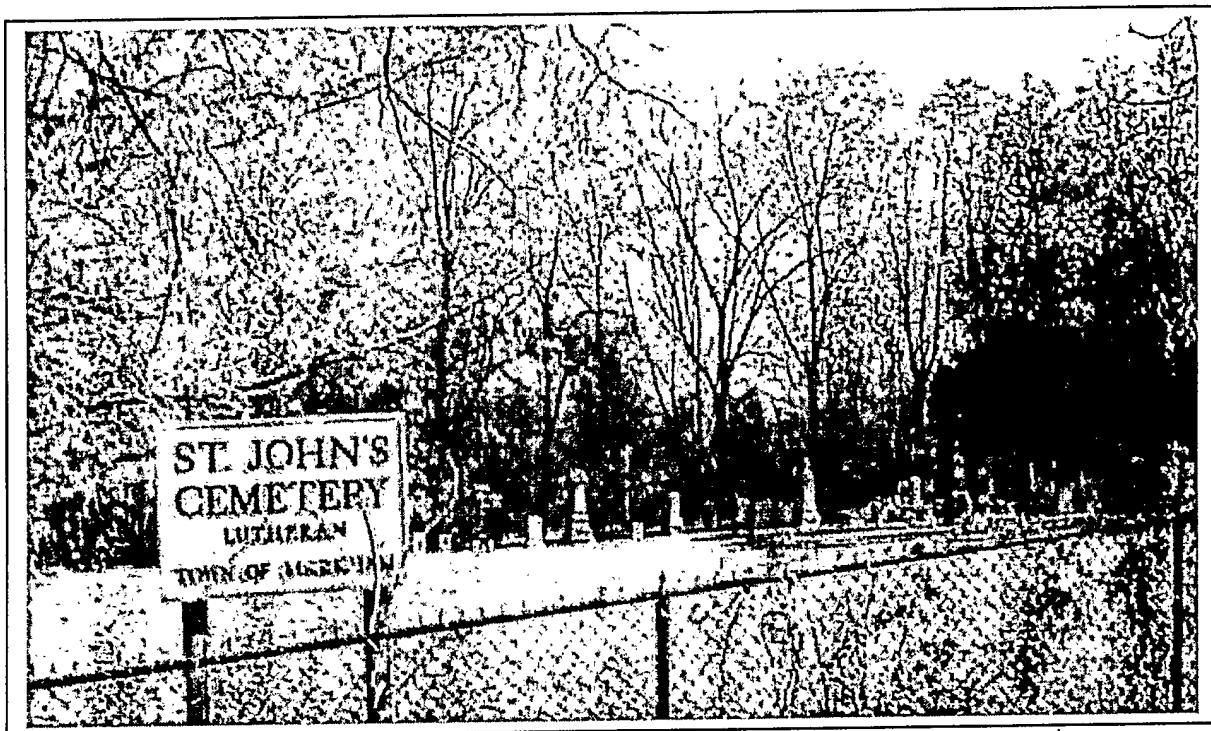
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 24th
day of February 2005

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk
The Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

January 25, 2005

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DESIGNATION PROPOSAL



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY
Buttonville Crescent East
Community of Buttonville
Markham

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman
Town of Markham

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;

IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
<u>Legal Description:</u>	
<u>Owners:</u>	Town of Markham
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	
<u>Assessment Roll No.:</u>	
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	1820
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Historic Small Scale Pioneer Cemetery, associated with an historic church congregation which no longer exists.
<u>Type of Feature:</u>	Cemetery

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