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ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

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December 1, 2011

Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV:

Hatton-Baker House
10761 Woodbine Avenue
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham
Attention: Judy Carroll
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hatton-Baker House

10761 Woodbine Avenue

c.1850

The Hatton-Baker 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 Hatton-Baker House is a one and a half storey, brick-veneered frame building located on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, just north of Elgin Mills Road. It is one of group of buildings associated with the historic crossroads community of Victoria Square.

Design or Physical Value

The simple, symmetrical form of the Hatton-Baker House is representative of the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. Constructed c.1850, it is one of the oldest remaining buildings in Victoria Square. Modest in scale and simple in detail, the house is a good example of a worker's cottage designed to meet the housing needs of a village tradesman and his family.

The updating of the house by a later owner, c.1880, with patterned polychrome brickwork, a veranda decorated with fretwork, and the reworking of the original 6/6 windows to 2/2 glazing configuration, is representative of building practices throughout Markham and Southern Ontario during that period.

Historical or Associative Value

The Hatton-Baker House has associative value as the former home of William Hatton, the first leader of the local Primitive Methodist congregation, and also as the former home of Jacob Baker, a member of an early Pennsylvania-German family. The Mortson family were significant later owners, from 1938 to 2005. Gord Mortson operated a bus line from this property in the mid-20th century.

Contextual Value

The Hatton-Baker House has contextual value as one of a number of heritage buildings comprising the crossroads community of Victoria Square. As the only remaining 19th century building on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, north of Elgin Mills Road, the house is an important remnant of the early historical development of this street corner. In its position next

door to the Primitive Methodist cemetery and church site, the house is a reminder of William Hatton's role in the early history of the Primitive Methodist congregation at Victoria Square.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Hatton-Baker House include:

- The form and volume of the original building, with its rectangular plan and 1 ½ storey height;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Patterned brick veneer in buff and red brick, dating from the c.1880 remodelling;
- Three-bay front;
- Original front door opening;
- Original window openings with their wood, 2/2 windows, projecting wood window sills, and wood brickmouldings;
- Low-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves.
- Reconstructed gable-end brick chimneys