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26 Lesmill Road – Unit 3
Toronto, Ontario
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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, MCKINNON HOMESTEAD, 4044 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on November 15, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 4044 Elgin Mills Road 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 (November 21). 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

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McKinnon Homestead

4044 Elgin Mills Road East
c.1858

The McKinnon Homestead 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 McKinnon Homestead is a one-and-a-half storey fieldstone dwelling located on north side of Elgin Mills Road East and to the west of the historic hamlet of Cashel. The house is oriented southwards.

Design Value and Physical Value

The McKinnon Homestead has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular fieldstone farmhouse designed with Georgian and Classic Revival influences, and as a locally rare example of cut limestone accents on a fieldstone structure. The symmetry and formality of the modestly-scaled farmhouse are characteristic of the Georgian architectural tradition while the moulded wood cornice and the doorcase with a rectangular transom and sidelights are typical elements of the Classic Revival style. The formality of the Georgian architectural tradition is expressed through the dwelling's balance and strict proportions. This formality is relieved by the multi-coloured stonework accented with cut limestone quoins and lintels. The use of cut limestone trimming lends a feeling of sophistication to this simple rural dwelling.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The McKinnon Homestead has historical value as it associated with the Scots Presbyterians who settled in the vicinity of Cashel in the early nineteenth century, and for the property's association with the Selkirk settlers of western Canada. Neil McKinnon, a native of the Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland, settled with his family on Markham Township Lot 26, Concession 5 about the year 1815. He was a member of Lord Selkirk's settlers who left Scotland in 1812 to found a settlement near the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in an area then known as Rupert's Land. The Kildonan settlement was located near the heart of present-day Winnipeg, Manitoba. After three years of struggle, the community dispersed. Some of the Selkirk settlers, including Neil McKinnon's family, decided to relocate to Upper Canada. The property remained in the ownership of Neil McKinnon's descendants until the early 1930s.

Contextual Value

The McKinnon Homestead has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings as one of a number of nineteenth century dwellings located in the general vicinity of the historic hamlet of Cashel, and for its long-standing association with the agricultural tradition of Markham Township. Further, most stone houses remaining in

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Markham are located in the eastern area of old Markham Township, so the McKinnon Homestead is locally rare in this context.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the McKinnon Homestead are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular fieldstone farmhouse designed with Georgian and Classic Revival influences, and as a locally rare example of cut limestone accents used on a fieldstone structure:

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Fieldstone walls with cut limestone accents consisting of quoins and lintels;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, boxed eaves, eave returns, and wood cornice;
- Three-bay primary (south) elevation with centre doorcase containing a single-leaf door and rectangular transom light and sidelights;
- Flat-headed, rectangular window openings containing 2/2 single-hung windows.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value as a link to Scots Presbyterians who settled in the vicinity of Cashel in the early nineteenth century and the Selkirk settlers from Western Canada:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the three generations of the McKinnon family that historically resided on this property, and of the early agricultural growth of Markham Township as provided by the Scots Presbyterians.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building facing south, west of the historic hamlet of Cashel, where it has stood since c.1858.

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 porch;
- Accessory building.