



## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Regan Hutcheson

**DATE:** May 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Special Event  
Doors Open Markham 2025

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**Project:** Doors Open Markham 2025  
Theme “Markham’s Learning Landscape”  
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10am – 5:00pm

**Background:**

- Beginning in 2003, Doors Open Markham has brought together thousands of people from near and far to celebrate and experience Markham’s rich history and unique sites.
- Markham is again hosting Doors Open Markham 2025 and we have a number of great sites as part of this amazing event. Our theme for this year is “Markham’s Learning Landscape” with a focus on all things educational, both historic and contemporary – historic school facilities, and unique modern educational facilities such as the new York University Markham campus.
- The Doors Open concept, it is a free, annual community-wide event that showcases places of historical and cultural interest. Most locations are not generally open to the public at-large thus providing residents and visitors with an opportunity to explore the City’s unique and sometimes hidden treasures. The event is organized under the direction of a Council-appointed committee of City staff, municipal councillors and community volunteers. Our local event is one of a series of Doors Open events held across the province under the organizational umbrella of the Ontario Heritage Trust (Doors Open Ontario).
- Sites interested in opening their doors can open only areas they wish to showcase to the public, and can animate their sites with event programming or activities if they wish.
- Event organizers will provide identification and directional signage to be used on the property plus archival photo display boards if available and a site handout highlighting key features about the site.
- The DOM committee is responsible for providing volunteers (if needed).

**Staff Comment**

- Regan Hutcheson is the Heritage Planning staff liaison to the Doors Open Markham 2025 Organization Committee. Tejinder Sidhu and Richard Huang are Heritage

Markham Committee representatives on the DOM committee, and Councillor McAlpine serves as a Council representative.

- The purpose of this memo is to bring members up to date regarding the event and to seek individuals who may be willing to volunteer for the event (or for part of the day).
- There is a volunteer training session on the Wednesday evening before the event.
- The Heritage Markham Display is intended to be at one of the locations (likely the historic Unionville Train Station).
- See Appendix 'A' for the confirmed sites to date.

### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT the memo on Doors Open Markham 2025 be received as information;






AND that the following members volunteer to assist on the event day:





- (name)
- (name)




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## Appendix A- Sites

| Site ID                           | Name (Historic)                                    | Address                                   | Status<br>Contacted<br>Confirmed<br>Potential/<br>Interested<br>Not Pursued<br>Not willing | Photo   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Heritage School Properties</b> |  |   |  |   |
| 1                                 | <b>Brown's Corner School House</b><br>SCHOOL BOARD | 2 Renfrew Drive<br>Buttonville **         | Confirmed  |    |
| 2                                 | <b>Cedar Grove Community Centre</b><br>CITY        | 7667 14 th Ave<br>Cedar Grove **          | Confirmed  |   |
| 3                                 | <b>Box Grove Community Centre</b><br>CITY          | 7651 9 <sup>th</sup> Line<br>Box Grove ** | Confirmed<br>(tentative)   |  |
| 4                                 | <b>Former Markham High School</b><br>PRIVATE       | 55 Albert Street<br>Markham Village **    | Confirmed  |  |
| 5                                 | <b>German Mills Schoolhouse (SS#2)</b><br>CITY     | 80 German Mills Road **                   | Confirmed  |  |

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| 6                       | <b>Mount Joy Public Schoolhouse (SS #16)</b><br>CITY/MARKHAM MUSEUM           | 9350 Markham Road                              | Confirmed  |    |
| 7                       | <b>York University-Markham Campus</b><br>Markham Centre<br>YORK U             | 1 University Boulevard,<br>Markham, ON L6G 0H2 | Confirmed  |    |
| <b>Other Properties</b> |   |  |  |   |
| 8                       | <b>Unionville Historic Station</b><br>CITY Community Centre                   | 7 Station Lane, Unionville                     | Confirmed  |  |
| 9                       | <b>Markham Village Historic Station</b><br>CITY, Community Centre/ GO Station | 214 Main St North, Markham Village             | Confirmed  |  |
| 10                      | <b>Heintzman House</b><br>CITY  | 135 Bay Thorne Dr                              | Confirmed  |  |

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| 11      | <b>Markham Fire Station 97</b><br>CITY                      | 209 Main Street N            | Confirmed  |  A large, two-story red brick fire station with a prominent central tower and arched windows. A red fire truck is parked in front. |
| 12      | <b>Varley Art Gallery</b><br>CITY                           | 216 Main Street Unionville   | Confirmed  |  A two-story red brick building with a central clock tower and a covered entrance area, surrounded by trees.                       |
| 13      | <b>McKay Art Centre</b><br>CITY                             | 197 Main St Unionville       | Confirmed  |  A white, two-story Victorian-style house with a gabled roof, decorative brackets, and flower boxes under the windows.            |
| 14      | <b>Hagerman Schoolhouse (SS#18)</b><br>(PRIVATE RESTAURANT) | 4121 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue | Pending<br>(restaurant tie-in)   |  A large, two-story yellow brick building with a complex roofline, including a central tower and multiple gables.                |