



MEMORANDUM



TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: June 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Amendments to Designation By-laws to Correct Legal Descriptions and Statements of Significance
7265 Highway 7 ("Abraham Reesor House")
(now 82 Markham Veterans Street)
7323 Highway 7 ("The Frank Albert Reesor House")
(now 1 Alexander Donaldson Street)

FILE: N/A

Property/Building Description: One-and-a-half & two-storey dwellings constructed c1875 & c1922, respectively, as per municipal records

Use: Residential (currently vacant)

Heritage Status: Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Background

- 7265 & 7323 Highway 7 Avenue (the "Heritage Resources") are both designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act (the "Act")* [refer to By-laws 2007-206 & 2006-103].
- The Heritage Resources are located adjacent to each other within a registered plan of subdivision and are now municipally known as 82 Markham Veterans Street and 1 Alexander Donaldson Street, respectively.
- The long-term conservation of the Heritage Resources has been secured through designation under the Act and via Heritage Easement Agreement. As a condition of development approval, Conservation Plans have been submitted for the Heritage Resources detailing a restoration scope and compatible additions to meet current market expectations for residential properties.

Heritage Policy

Ontario Heritage Act

- Municipal councils may need to update different parts of an existing heritage designation by-law for a number of reasons including:

- Changes have been made to the property or new information has become available affecting the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest or the Description of Heritage Attributes;
 - The legal description has changed or needs to be corrected; or
 - The information in the original by-law does not provide sufficient detail to guide and manage alterations to the property.
- Section 30.1 of the Act, as amended in 2005, provides for a simplified amendment process to, where required, correct the legal description of a property as contained within a designation by-law. Under this Section, the municipality is obliged to:
 - (a) inform the owner of the amendment and their right to object thereto; and
 - (b) consult with the municipal heritage committee prior to giving notice of the proposed amendment to the owner. Upon receipt of notice of the amendment, the owner has 30 days to file a notice of objection to the amendment with the municipality. Should a notice of objection not be received by the municipality within the 30 day timeline, the council of the municipality may pass the proposed amending by-law;
 - The Act was recently further amended with modifications coming into force on July 1, 2021. These amendments affect how a municipality undertakes amendments to designation by-laws, requiring those by-laws enacted post-2005 to be made consistent with the requirements of the Act as amended in 2021. These requirements include linking heritage attributes as contained within the Statement of Significance (“SOS”) to their associated criteria within Ontario Regulation 9/06, and the identification of those portions of the property that are considered to be non-contributing to its cultural heritage significance.

Staff Comments

- In accordance with the statutory requirements as described above, Heritage Section staff will amend the SOS for each heritage property to ensure conformance with the Act as amended in 2021 and will revise their legal descriptions to reflect their location within the registered plan of subdivision.
- A Staff report recommending amendment of designation by-laws 2007-206 & 2006-103 is anticipated to be considered by the Development Service Committee and Council in September 2025.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham has no objection to the required amendments to the designation by-laws for the properties formerly municipally known as 7265 and 7323 Highway 7 to correct their legal descriptions and Statements of Significance.

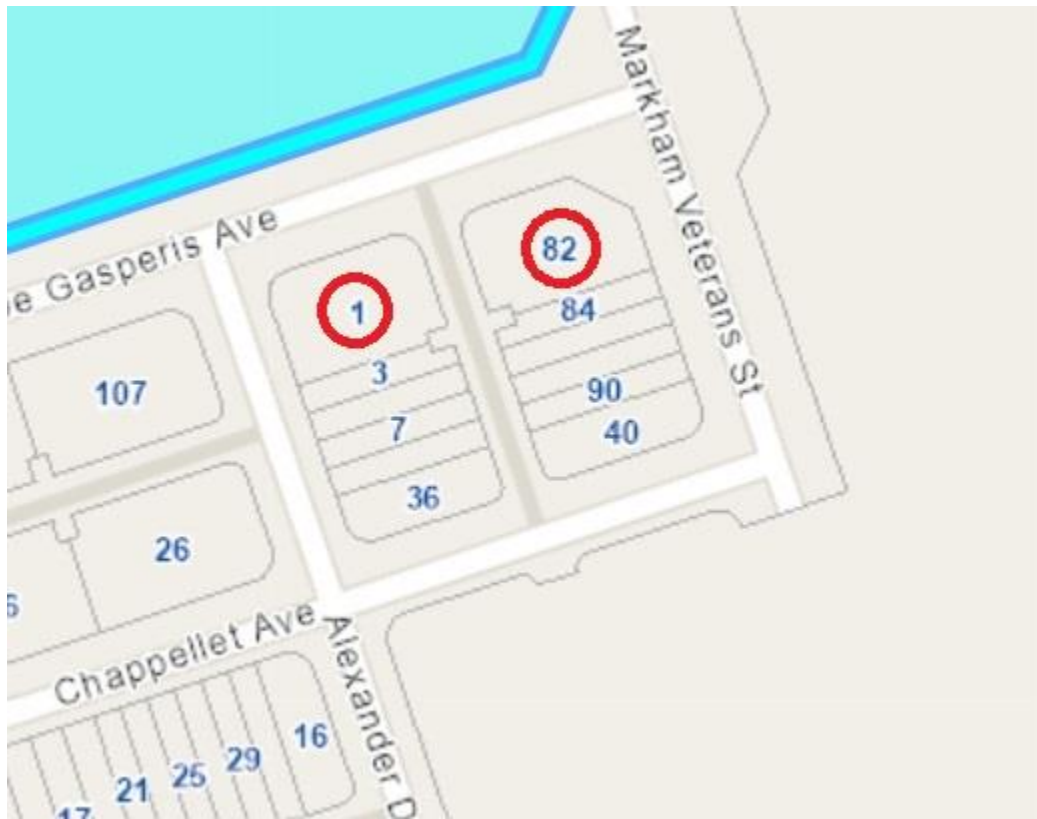
ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 'A' Property Maps

Appendix 'B' Images of the Heritage Resources

Appendix 'A'

Property Map



The location of the Heritage Resources circled in red (Source: City of Markham)

Appendix 'B'

Images of the Heritage Resources



The north (primary) elevation of 7265 Highway 7 (82 Markham Veterans Street) prior to relocation
(Source: Google Earth)



The south elevation of 7365 Highway 7 (1 Alexander Donaldson Street) prior to relocation
(Source: Google Earth)