



## By-law 2020-72

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
Thomas Lownsbrough House

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WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

10080 Kennedy Road  
Markham L6C 1N9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Thomas Lownsbrough House, 9392 Kennedy Road, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Thomas Lownsbrough House  
City of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Read a first, second, and third time and passed July 14 and 16, 2020.

  
Kimbrey Kitteringham  
City Clerk

  
Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor

# **SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2020-72**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

BLOCK 3, PLAN 65M-4613; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN YR2723186;  
SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN YR2771031

CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2020-72

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **Thomas Lownsbrough House** 9392 Kennedy Road c.1845

The Thomas Lownsbrough 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 Thomas Lownsbrough House is a one and a half storey frame house located on the west side of Kennedy Road, an area under urban development, a short distance north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The house faces east and is on its original site.

#### **Historical or Associative Value**

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of historical or associative value as the c.1845 home of Thomas Lownsbrough, an English-born shoemaker who was part of the Hunter's Corners community north of Unionville while a tenant of John Hunter, and later his daughter, Ada Naomi Hunter, from c.1845 to 1891. In 1892, Miss Hunter sold the property to Reverend Henry B. Owen, Rector of St. Philip's Anglican Church, next door to the north. The Reverend Owen served the church from 1891 until his death in 1899.

#### **Design or Physical Value**

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of design or physical value as a representative example of a tradesman's dwelling in a vernacular version of the Gothic Revival style commonly referred to as a Classic Ontario centre gable cottage. It is also a representative example of an evolved building, which started as a modestly-scaled one storey vernacular tradesman's dwelling in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century that was later raised to one and a half storeys, perhaps in the 1870s.

#### **Contextual Value**

The Thomas Lownsbrough House is of contextual value as one of a few cultural heritage features remaining from the historic community of Hunter's Corners.

#### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Thomas Lownsbrough House include:

- Overall form of the one and a half storey, rectangular plan main block;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Historic cladding, if present, under modern siding materials;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves, and steep centre gable on the front wall;
- Asymmetrical placement of the front door and window openings;
- Size and placement of existing door and window openings;
- Former window opening in front gable, currently covered by modern siding materials.