



By-law 2020-68

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

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:

2 Aileen Lewis Court
Markham L6E 1A8

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Thomas H. Bruels House, 2 Aileen Lewis Court, 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 H. Bruels 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.



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2020-68

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

PARCEL 35-1, SECTION 65M-2761; LOT 35, PLAN 65M-2761; MARKHAM

CITY OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2020-68

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas H. Bruels House

2 Aileen Lewis Court

c.1895

The Owner and the City agree that for the purposed of this Agreement the following statement (hereinafter called the 'Reasons for Identification') sets out the reasons why the City has identified the building as having architectural, historical and contextual significance. The Thomas H. Bruels 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 H. Bruels House is a relocated heritage building at the north-east corner of Aileen Lewis Court and Heritage Corners Lane in Markham Heritage Estates, a community of relocated heritage buildings. The Thomas H. Bruels House is a one-and-a-half storey red brick veneered frame building.

Historical and Associative Value

This house was constructed on Lot 34, Concession 8 (12049 Highway 48), near the crossroads community of Ringwood, in the mid-1890s. It has historical and associative value as the former home of Thomas H. Bruels, the grandson of German immigrants Johan and Hannah Bruels, who came to Markham Township in 1828. This house replaced the earlier Bruels family home on the property. The property was owned by the Bruels family until 1950.

Design and Physical Value

The Thomas H. Bruels House, c.1895, is a good example of a late 19th century farmhouse designed with the influence of the Queen Anne Revival style. The front windows, with semi-elliptical shaped transom lights, is a trademark feature of houses built by prominent Stouffville builder Nathan Forsythe, a Bruels family relative by marriage. This suggests that Forsythe may have been the builder of this farmhouse. The front veranda is a replica of the 1890s veranda, with its design based on an archival photograph.

Contextual Value

The Thomas H. Bruels House has contextual value as a restored building from an area of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville which was formerly part of Markham Township, relocated to Markham Heritage Estates in 2008 to save it from demolition. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes to be Conserved

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of the Thomas H. Bruels House include:

- L-plan, 1 ½ storey form;
- Stone facing on the foundation;
- Red brick veneer with brick arches over door and window openings
- Steeply-pitched gable roof with open, overhanging eaves, wood fascia, soffits and bedmould;
- Steeply-pitched centre gable in the el;
- Typical window openings with 1/1 flat-headed sash-style windows, with projecting sills;
- Large front windows with semi-elliptical arched heads and transom lights, and their projecting sills;
- Glazed and panelled wood front door;
- Replica 1890s veranda with hip roof, turned wood posts, and decorative brackets.