



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: July 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Death of Former Heritage Markham Member
Marion Matthias

Former Heritage Markham Committee member Marion Matthias passed away on July 2, 2021.

Background

- Marion was one of Thornhill Village's strongest heritage advocates;
- Until recently, she lived on Colborne Street in the heart of the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District;
- She nominated Markham for the **Prince of Wales Prize** in 1999 through the Ward 1 (South) Thornhill Residents Association. Announced in 1999 under the patronage of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, the prize is awarded to a deserving local government, large or small, urban or rural which has demonstrated exemplary commitment to the preservation of the built heritage within its boundaries. Markham was the first recipient of the Prize.
- As a citizen, she was proud of her impeccable attendance at the Heritage Markham meetings for many years in support of Thornhill's heritage.
- In 2001, upon Heritage Markham's recommendation and Markham Council's endorsement, she was the Markham recipient for the Ontario Heritage Foundation's **Heritage Community Recognition Award for Cultural Heritage**. In 2005, she received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** under this program.
- After countless years attending Heritage Markham as a member of the public, she was appointed by Council as a



member of the Heritage Markham Committee for 3 ½ years
from late 2011 to mid 2015 representing Thornhill.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT the Heritage Markham Committee extends its condolences to the family of Marion Matthias and expresses its appreciation for her extensive past accomplishments in assisting in the protection and preservation of Markham's cultural heritage resources, especially her work in historic Thornhill.

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