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2021-xx

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

Thomas Frisby Jr. House

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 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:

7880 Keele Street, Suite 500  
Vaughan, Ontario L4K 4G7

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Thomas Frisby Jr. House, 3151 Elgin Mills Road East, 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 Frisby Jr. 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 THIS  
XXX DAY OF XXX, 2021.

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KIMBERLEY KITTINGHAM  
CITY CLERK

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FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

# **SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2021-xx**

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

ALL AND SINGULAR THAT certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Markham, in the Regional Municipality of York and being composed of Block 124, Plan 65M - \_\_\_\_\_.

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2021-xx

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Thomas Frisby Jr. House 3151 Elgin Mills Road East c.1915

The Thomas Frisby Jr. House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 Frisby Jr. House is a two and a half storey red brick dwelling located on the south side of Elgin Mills Road East, east of Victoria Square Boulevard at the historic crossroads community of Victoria Square. The house faces north.

#### **Design and Physical Value**

The Thomas Frisby Jr. House is a good example of the spacious, simply-detailed farmhouses built in Markham in the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, often constructed to replace older dwellings as the Township's farmers enjoyed a period of prosperity. The architectural detailing of the Frisby House reflects the Edwardian Classicism that was popular in North America from the 1900s through the 1920s. The house was constructed in the form of an American Foursquare, with a functional, compact, near-cubic form, pyramidal roof and deep verandas. The red pressed-brick cladding and two and a half storey massing of the house are representative of farm and village residences that were locally built in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **Historical and Associative Value**

The Thomas Frisby Jr. House has historical and associative value as a property owned by Thomas Frisby Jr., a member of a prominent local family that came to this vicinity from England in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Thomas Frisby Jr. was the son of Thomas Frisby and Jane (Newlove) Frisby, and the grandson of John and Lucy Frisby. Thomas Jr. and his wife, Amelia "Millie" (Mapes) Frisby were members of the Methodist Church. Thomas Jr. was a member of the Free Masons, based on the Masonic symbol on his headstone at the west cemetery of Victoria Square United Church. He was a farmer for most of his life, except for a period of time in the early 1880s when he worked as a carriage and wagon maker, likely in association with John Rowbotham and his uncle, William Frisby, a blacksmith. Between 1895 and 1914 he served as Victoria Square's postmaster in addition to his main occupation as a farmer.

#### **Contextual Value**

The Thomas Frisby Jr. House is of contextual value as a former farmhouse that reflects the agricultural community that has surrounded the hamlet of Victoria Square for generations, but is now in the process of being transformed from rural to urban. The house represents the transition of Markham Township into the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the sweeping social, political, and technological

changes that would come to alter the character of the community. It is one of three existing heritage buildings that are associated with the locally important Frisby family, which also include Lucy Frisby's c.1873 village residence at 15 Victoria Street, and the c.1860 Schell-Frisby House at 3575 Elgin Mills Road East, once the home of Richard Frisby, a younger brother of Thomas Jr.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Thomas Frisby Jr. House include:

- Overall form of the two and a half storey, cubic-plan building;
- Red brick walls with brick arches over door and window openings;
- Medium pitched truncated hipped roof with hipped roofed dormers;
- Single-stack brick chimney;
- Wooden doors on the north and south walls;
- Flat-headed window openings with wooden sash-style windows with 1/1 glazing and concrete lugsills;
- Hipped roofed front veranda with gable-roofed projection, supported on Classical wood columns resting on brick and concrete pedestals, simple wooden railings;
- Hipped roofed rear porch with balcony supported on slender wooden posts.