



26 Langstaff Road

**Designation Recommended by
Heritage Markham**

Council - April 5, 2023

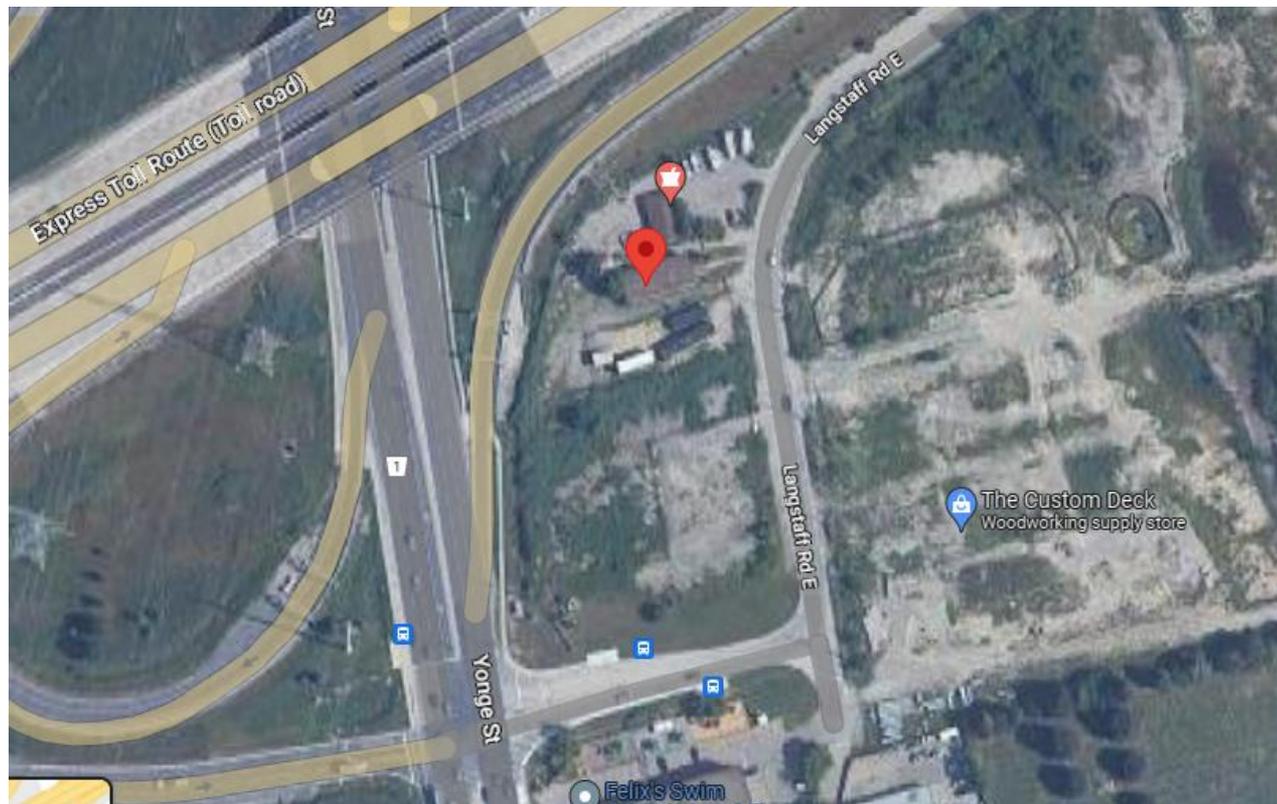


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Area Context

- south of Hwy 407 and east of Yonge St
- located near the east bound ramp to 407





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View from Langstaff Road, 2022



Current Status

- **Listed** on the *Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*
- Evaluated as a Group 2 property by City staff and Heritage Markham in 2009 as part of the Langstaff Secondary Plan (designation/retention is encouraged);
- Infrastructure Ontario is evaluating the current cultural heritage significance of the property
- Heritage Consultant indicated it does not meet the required criteria for designation as per the Ontario Heritage Act regulations
- No development proposal for the property
- No demolition permit has been submitted
- Heritage Markham has recommended designation
- DS Committee recommended designation (April 4, 2023)



Regulation 9/06

- Criteria for determining whether property is of cultural heritage value or interest
- Must meet at least two of nine criteria and explain how they are met
- Must explain how each heritage attribute contributes to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property (link back to the criteria)
- Staff has used the provincial criteria to evaluate the property and did not support designation



The property has **design value or physical value** because it,

1. is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,
2. displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or
3. demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

Staff Comments: Unremarkable in design with an absence of fine detailing or materials. The modest ecclesiastical structure is not a rare, unique or early example of its typology, and does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, nor does it demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.



The property has **historical value or associative value** because it,

4. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,
5. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or
6. demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

Staff Comments: Owned/tenanted by a series of Christian denominations since its construction in 1937. These groups, however, are not known to have made a remarkable contribution to the communities of Langstaff or Thornhill relative to other local congregations, and as such has limited potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of either community. Given the utilitarian character of the building, it's unlikely to be the product of notable architect or designer, and as such has limited significance to either community.



The property has **contextual value** because it,

- 7. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,
- 8. is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or
- 9. is a landmark.

Staff Comments: Historic context has been highly degraded through the construction of major infrastructure (i.e. the adjacent hydro corridor and Highway 407), disruption of the original road network, and the removal of all but one nearby residential building. Remaining structures are light industrial uses that are physically, visually, and functionally linked to the current suburban character of the area rather than the historic character of Langstaff.

High degree of alteration to surrounding lands, the legibility of Langstaff as a 19th century community has been lost. As such, the former church is an isolated fragment with tenuous connections to its historic context.

Not a landmark



Heritage Markham Recommendation

THAT Heritage Markham considers 26 Langstaff Road East to be a significant cultural heritage resource, and recommends designation of the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act.*, **as it meets the following criteria under Regulation 9/06:**

The property has historical value or associative value because it:

- i. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community, and**
- ii. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.**

and;

The property has contextual value because it:

- a. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of the area**
- b. is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or**
- c. is a landmark**



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Cultural Heritage identified in the Langstaff Secondary Plan, 2009

Address	Identifier or Historic Name	Date	Rating 2009	Status 2023
26 Langstaff Road	Church Building	c.1938	Group 2	Listed
75 Langstaff Road	Harry LeMasurier House	c.1931	Group 2	Demo approved
77 Langstaff Road	Henry LeMasurier House	c.1935	Group 2	Demo approved
139 Langstaff Road	Armand Robineau Bungalow	c.1928	Group 2	Listed
10 Ruggles Avenue	Munshaw Homestead	c.1854	Group 1	Designated in 2014
20 Ruggles Avenue	Walter Inkpen House	c.1870	Group 2	Demo approved
24 Ruggles Avenue	Benson-Pettingill House	c.1934	Group 2	Demo approved

GROUP 2 - those buildings of significance and worthy of preservation



Thank You