



## By-law 2023-133

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
“David and Fannie Moyer House”

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WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV, Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act (the “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;

WHEREAS the property described in Schedule “A” to this By-law (the “Property”) contains the cultural heritage resource known as the David and Fannie Moyer House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution of passed on June 13, 2023, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Bruno Steven  
53 Dickson Hill Road  
Markham, Ontario L3P 3J3

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the David and Fannie Moyer House, 53 Dickson Hill Road, and has caused such notice of intention to be published digitally in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS Council has described the Property, set out the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for the Property, and described the heritage attributes of the Property in Schedule “B” to this By-law, which forms 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:  
  
“David and Fannie Moyer House”  
53 Dickson Hill Road  
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 property described in Schedule “A” attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Read a first, second, and third time and passed September 27, 2023.

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Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor

**SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO  
BY-LAW 2023-xx**

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

David and Fannie Moyer House  
53 Dickson Hill Road  
PT W1/4 LT 30 CON 8 MARKHAM PT 2 65R3931 CITY OF MARKHAM  
  
PIN: 030620155

# SCHEDULE ‘B’ TO BY-LAW 2023-xx

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### David and Fannie Moyer House

53 Dickon Hill Road

The David and Fannie Moyer 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 David and Fannie Moyer House is a two-storey, siding-clad dwelling located on a large lot on the east side of Dickson Hill Road, in the historic community of Dickson Hill. The house faces west onto Dickson Hill Road.

**Design and Physical Value**

The David and Fannie Moyer House has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular farmhouse with the form and selected stylistic features of the Italianate style, and is a rare example of nineteenth century poured concrete wall construction in Markham.

**Historical and Associative Value**

The David and Fannie Moyer House has historical and associative value as the former home of David and Fannie Moyer and their children representing the religious and cultural mosaic theme of Pennsylvania Germans and Mennonites being attracted to Markham Township. David Moyer was originally a member of the Waterloo County Pennsylvania-German Mennonite community. He initially farmed in Maryborough, Ontario, and after the death of his first wife, came to Markham in the mid-1880s and settled in the hamlet of Dickson Hill with his second wife, Fannie (Wideman) Moyer. The house was built c.1885 and was owned by David and Fannie Moyer’s descendants until 1983.

**Contextual Value**

The David and Fannie Moyer House is one of several heritage buildings and an historic cemetery that are important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Dickson Hill. The house has stood on this site since c.1885. It is historically linked to the Joseph and Leah Pipher House at 33 Dickson Hill Road, which stands on a property owned by the Moyer family from 1904 to 1960. The property, with its long-standing presence in the community, is important in maintaining and supporting the historic character of the former hamlet. Further, it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

**Significant Architectural Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the David and Fannie Moyer House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06, as amended, criteria below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property’s design value and physical value as a representative example of the vernacular Italianate style and a rare example of nineteenth century poured concrete construction:*

- Rectangular plan and two-storey cubic form of the main block;
- Poured concrete walls with stucco cladding ;
- Medium-pitched hipped roof with overhanging eaves and flat soffits;
- 3-bay façade (west elevation);
- Segmentally-headed door and window openings.

- Round-headed second-storey front window above the front door, which may have originally been a door opening onto a balcony;
- Recessed one-and-a-half storey side-wing on the south wall of the main block, with its medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves, steep centre gable facing west, and its hipped-roofed, open veranda supported on turned wooden posts.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value as the former residence of the family of David and Fannie Moyer representing the religious and ethnic mosaic theme of Pennsylvania German Mennonites attracted to the Markham community:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite family of David and Fannie Moyer and their descendants who historically resided here from c.1885 until 1983.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that helps define the extent of the historic hamlet of Dickson Hill:*

- The prominent location of the building facing Dickson Hill Road within the historic hamlet of Dickson Hill.

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of significant cultural heritage value:*

- Aluminum siding;
- Existing modern windows, shutters and doors;
- Dormer on south slope of main roof;
- Attached garage;
- Rear addition.