



By-law 2023-xx

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
“Albert and Bertha Reesor House”

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 Albert and Bertha Reesor House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on September 12, 2023, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Stephanie and Tussyanth Alexander
7880 Highway 7 East
Markham, Ontario
L0H 1J0

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Albert and Bertha Reesor House, 7880 Highway 7 East, 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:

“Albert and Bertha Reesor House”
7880 Highway 7 East
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 December 13, 2023.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2023-xx

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 7880 Highway 7 East, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

PT LT 11 CON 10; AS IN MA94636A; MARKHAM

PIN: 700140042

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2023-xx

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Albert and Bertha Reesor House

7880 Highway 7 East
c.1903

The Albert and Bertha Reesor 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 Albert and Bertha Reesor House is a two-and-a-half storey brick dwelling located on the north side of Highway 7 within the historic community of Locust Hill. The house faces southwards toward Highway 7.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Albert and Bertha Reesor House has design and physical value as a representative example of a dwelling designed in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical detailing. It is typical of the spacious, modestly detailed houses built on farms and in villages in Markham Township in the first quarter of the twentieth century. The American Foursquare house typically had a functional, compact shape and spacious front veranda. The red pressed brick cladding and two-and-a-half storey form of the house, with a broad, hipped roof and dormers, are local expressions of this style. The architectural detailing of the dwelling reflects the Edwardian Classical style that was popular from the early 1900s through to the 1920s.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Albert and Bertha Reesor House has historical and associative value as it is representative of early twentieth century development within the hamlet of Locust Hill, and specifically the creation of building lots on farms intended for the use of family members. In this instance, it was the former residence of Albert and Bertha Reesor and their three children Alberta, Eldred and Lloyd. The property also has historical and associative value, representing the theme of industry, innovation and economic development. Albert Reesor owned and operated the Locust Hill Creamery from 1900 to 1920, and also operated the Locust Hill Lumber and Coal Co. His brother, Frederick E. N. Reesor was a partner in the creamery business beginning in 1905. The land this house was built on c.1903 was in the ownership of the Reesor family for 144 years.

Contextual Value

The Albert and Bertha Reesor House is one of a number of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Locust Hill. The house has stood on this property since c.1903 and is historically linked to the Frederick E. N. Reesor House next door to the west at 7846 Highway 7.

Heritage Attributes

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

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value or physical value as a representative example of a village residence in the form of an American Foursquare, with Edwardian Classical details:

- Two-and-a-half storey organized into a rectangular plan;
- Red brick masonry;
- Medium-pitched hipped roof with a wide overhang, flat soffits and hipped-roof dormers on the south and west slopes;
- Existing flat-headed, rectangular window openings on all sides of the building;
- Centrally-placed, flat-headed, single-leaf door opening on the south (primary) elevation;
- Single-leaf door, flat-headed side door opening on the east elevation;
- Full-width front veranda with square, wood, full-height Tuscan columns supported on a masonry base, pediment aligned with the front entrance, and second storey sunroom with a bank of five windows on the front and three windows on the sides, shingled, flared apron, and flat roof;
- Side porch with hipped roof, supported on wood columns.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the theme of early twentieth century development of the hamlet of Locust Hill, and the theme of industry, innovation and economic development as the home of Albert Reesor, who owned and operated the Locust Hill Creamery and Locust Hill Coal and Lumber Yard:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Albert and Bertha Reesor family that historically resided here.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Locust Hill:

- The location of the building facing Highway 7 East within the historic hamlet of Locust Hill.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- Modern windows and doors;
- Non-operational window shutters;
- Accessory building.