



By-law 2024-xx

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
“William Henry Meyer 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 William Henry Meyer House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on October 18, 2023, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

McCowan Elgin Developments Inc.
5400 Yonge Street – Suite 501
Toronto, Ontario
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and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the William Henry Meyer House, 10690 McCowan 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:

“William Henry Meyer House”
10690 McCowan 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 January 31, 2024.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

**SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO
BY-LAW 2024-xx**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 10690 McCowan Road, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

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PIN: 030560127

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-xx

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Henry Meyer House

10690 McCowan Road
c.1893

The William Henry Meyer 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 William Henry Meyer House is a one-and-a-half store, brick dwelling located on west side of McCowan Road, south of Elgin Mills Road, east of the historic crossroads community of Cashel. The house is oriented eastwards.

Design Value and Physical Value

The William Henry Meyer House has design and physical value as a representative example of a late-nineteenth century Gothic Revival farmhouse. Few significant exterior alterations have been made with the original windows and veranda still remaining intact. The shaped L-plan was associated with the picturesque Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles that were popularized through architectural pattern books beginning in the mid-nineteenth century. In rural areas such as Markham Township, stylistic innovations were late to be adopted, and it was not until the last quarter of the nineteenth century that the architecture of the Picturesque began to have a significant influence upon the built-form character of the Township.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The William Henry Meyer House has historical value and associative value, representing the dominant agricultural character of Markham Township, specifically the improvement of nineteenth century farmsteads as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. In 1892, William Henry Meyer purchased the east 100 acres of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 6, from Christian L. Hoover and his wife, Susannah, his in-laws. The property contained a two-storey frame farmhouse located at the approximate centre of the lot. Meyer was a member of a Swiss Mennonite family who came to Markham in the 1860s. He was married to Annie Hoover, the daughter of Christian L. Hoover. In the early 1890s, William Henry Meyer established a new farmstead closer to McCowan Road. The farmstead included a substantial, new buff brick farmhouse. After the death of Annie Hoover in 1893, he married Matilda Hoover in 1894. William Henry Meyer sold the farm to a relative, Christian G. Hoover, in 1917. The property remained in the ownership of the Hoover family until 1953.

Contextual Value

The William Henry Meyer House has contextual value as a former farmhouse that has stood on this site, east of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel, since the early 1890s. As such, it helps make legible the agricultural tradition of Markham Township.

Heritage Attributes

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

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design value and physical value as a good, representative example of a late nineteenth century L-plan farmhouse designed with the influence of the Gothic Revival style:

- L-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Buff brick veneer with projecting brick plinth and radiating brick arches over window openings;
- Medium-pitched cross-gabled roof with overhanging open eaves and steep gabled wall dormer with a pointed-arched two-over-two single-hung window;
- Single-leaf doors within the front veranda;
- Segmentally-headed two-over-two and one-over-one single-hung windows with projecting lugsills;
- Two-storey canted bay window capped by an extension of the gable roof;
- Hip-roofed front veranda supported on slender turned wood posts ornamented with fretwork brackets.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the agricultural character of Markham Township, specifically the improvement of nineteenth century farmsteads as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Meyer family's success in Markham's nineteenth century agricultural economy.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building facing east, east of the historic crossroads community of Cashel, where it has stood since the early 1890s.

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

- Rear wing and additions.