



## By-law 2024-xx

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
“James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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 James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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:

Phyllis Ottaway  
10748 Victoria Square Blvd  
Markham, Ontario  
L6C 1H9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the James and Jane Stoutenburgh House, 10748 Victoria Square Blvd, 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:

“James and Jane Stoutenburgh House”  
10748 Victoria Square Blvd  
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.

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Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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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 10748 Victoria Square Blvd, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

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# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-xx

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### James and Jane Stoutenburgh House

10748 Victoria Square Boulevard  
c.1865

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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 James and Jane Stoutenburgh House is a two-and-a-half storey brick dwelling located at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. The house is oriented eastwards.

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

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has design value and physical value as a unique example of mid-nineteenth century eclectic residential architecture, and a noteworthy example of polychromatic brickwork. It is the most ornate historic residence within the hamlet of Victoria Square. Its current architectural character is different from the builder's original vision which is documented in an archival photograph from 1915. In its original form, the Stoutenburgh House was a vernacular dwelling that displayed an eclectic mix of stylistic influences superimposed upon a formal Georgian form. The house once had a Gothic Revival centre gable, trimmed with curvilinear bargeboards, and a highly decorative front veranda that included a second storey sunroom in the Italianate style. The influence of the Classic Revival style was reflected in the design of the former front veranda and doorcase. In its current form, the eclectic character of the Stoutenburgh House remains, but with modern-era details. The basic form of the c.1865 brick structure remains little changed. This house is one of Markham's most elaborate examples of mid-nineteenth century polychromatic or patterned brickwork, a style that originated as a revival of the colourful brickwork of Medieval Venice that was in vogue in Southern Ontario from the mid-1840s to the 1880s.

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

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has historical value and associative value as it speaks to the religious and cultural mosaic of Markham Township. The Stoutenburgh family was of Holland Dutch origin who emigrated from New York State to Upper Canada in 1805. Martin Stoutenburgh married Sarah Button. They settled on the eastern half of Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 3, for which they received the Crown patent in 1842. Their son, James Stoutenburgh became a successful and prominent member of the community of Read's Corners which later became Victoria Square when a post office was established in 1854. James Stoutenburgh was a farmer, a general merchant, the first postmaster, and a license inspector. He was Captain of the local militia, earning him the title of Captain James Stoutenburgh.

The Stoutenburgh family were strong supporters of the Methodist Church. Early services were held in their home prior to the construction of a church building. Martin and James Stoutenburgh provided land on the front of their farm for a Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery (now the Victoria Square United Church).

The present brick dwelling on the property, constructed in the early 1860s, reflects the status of the Stoutenburgh family within the community. The property was sold out of the ownership of the Stoutenburgh family in 1908, and subsequently passed

through a series of other owners. The c.1865 house was remodeled into its current form sometime after 1958 when the property was sold to the Ottaway family.

### **Contextual Value**

The James and Jane Stoutenburgh House has contextual value as a local landmark at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road. It is one of a grouping of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century residences that are important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the James and Jane Stoutenburgh 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 unique example of mid-nineteenth century eclectic domestic architecture, and a noteworthy example of polychromatic brickwork:*

- T-shaped plan;
- Two-and-a-half storey height;
- Polychromatic brickwork consisting of a variegated red/orange/buff brick body accented with buff brick, including raised quoins, a raised plinth and belt course, brick banding at the level of the eaves, and splayed arches over window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with open, overhanging eaves;
- Existing front doorcase opening framed with quoin-like trim, partially concealed under modern trim;
- Existing second storey door opening over the front doorcase;
- Existing flat-headed window openings with projecting lugsills;
- Pointed-arched window openings on the north and south gable ends, framed with quoin-like trim.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value and associative value, representing the religious and cultural mosaic of Markham Township, and the contribution of the Stoutenburgh family to the development of Victoria Square:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the James and Jane Stoutenburgh family historically resided there.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a local landmark and a building that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square:*

- The location of the building at the south-west corner of Victoria Square Boulevard and Elgin Mills Road, facing east, within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

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

- Front portico.
- Modern doors and windows.