



## By-law 2024-34

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
“McKinnon Homestead”  
4044 Elgin Mills Road East

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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 McKinnon Homestead;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on November 15, 2023, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

2001251 Ontario Inc.  
26 Lesmill Road – Unit 3  
Toronto, Ontario  
M3B 2T5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the McKinnon Homestead, 4044 Elgin Mills Road 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:  
  
“McKinnon Homestead”  
4044 Elgin Mills Road 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 February 28, 2024.

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Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor

# **SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2024-34**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 4044 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

PT LT 26 CON 5 MARKHAM AS IN MA56523 EXCEPT PT 1 EXPROP PL MA85695, PT 1 EXPROP PL MA110019; MARKHAM

PIN: 03056-0052 (LT)

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-34

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### McKinnon Homestead

4044 Elgin Mills Road East  
c.1858

The McKinnon Homestead 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 McKinnon Homestead is a one-and-a-half storey fieldstone dwelling located on north side of Elgin Mills Road East and to the west of the historic hamlet of Cashel. The house is oriented southwards.

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

The McKinnon Homestead has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular fieldstone farmhouse designed with Georgian and Classic Revival influences, and as a locally rare example of cut limestone accents on a fieldstone structure. The symmetry and formality of the modestly-scaled farmhouse are characteristic of the Georgian architectural tradition while the moulded wood cornice and the doorcase with a rectangular transom and sidelights are typical elements of the Classic Revival style. The formality of the Georgian architectural tradition is expressed through the dwelling's balance and strict proportions. This formality is relieved by the multi-coloured stonework accented with cut limestone quoins and lintels. The use of cut limestone trimming lends a feeling of sophistication to this simple rural dwelling.

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

The McKinnon Homestead has historical value as it is associated with the Scots Presbyterians who settled in the vicinity of Cashel in the early nineteenth century, and for the property's association with the Selkirk settlers of western Canada. Neil McKinnon, a native of the Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland, settled with his family on Markham Township Lot 26, Concession 5 about the year 1815. He was a member of Lord Selkirk's settlers who left Scotland in 1812 to found a settlement near the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in an area then known as Rupert's Land. The Kildonan settlement was located near the heart of present-day Winnipeg, Manitoba. After three years of struggle, the community dispersed. Some of the Selkirk settlers, including Neil McKinnon's family, decided to relocate to Upper Canada. The property remained in the ownership of Neil McKinnon's descendants until the early 1930s.

#### **Contextual Value**

The McKinnon Homestead has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings as one of a number of nineteenth century dwellings located in the general vicinity of the historic hamlet of Cashel, and for its long-standing association with the agricultural tradition of Markham Township. Further, most stone houses remaining in Markham are located in the eastern area of old Markham Township, so the McKinnon Homestead is locally rare in this context.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the McKinnon Homestead 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 representative example of a vernacular fieldstone farmhouse designed with Georgian and Classic Revival influences, and as a locally rare example of cut limestone accents used on a fieldstone structure:*

- Rectangular plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Fieldstone walls with cut limestone accents consisting of quoins and lintels;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, boxed eaves, eave returns, and wood cornice;
- Three-bay primary (south) elevation with centre doorcase containing a single-leaf door and rectangular transom light and sidelights;
- Flat-headed, rectangular window openings containing 2/2 single-hung windows.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value as a link to Scots Presbyterians who settled in the vicinity of Cashel in the early nineteenth century and the Selkirk settlers from Western Canada:*

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the three generations of the McKinnon family that historically resided on this property, and of the early agricultural growth of Markham Township as provided by the Scots Presbyterians.

*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 south, west of the historic hamlet of Cashel, where it has stood since c.1858.

*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 porch;
- Accessory building.