



By-law 2024-97

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AS BEING OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST
“SAMUEL AND MARY HOOVER HOUSE”
6325 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST

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 Samuel and Mary Hoover House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on January 31, 2024, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

1360302 Ontario Limited Trustee
411 Richmond Street East – Suite 302
Toronto, Ontario
M5A 3S5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Samuel and Mary Hoover House, 6325 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:

“Samuel and Mary Hoover House”
6325 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 May 29, 2024.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2024-97

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 6325 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

PART LOT 25, CONCESSION 8; AS IN R672816; MARKHAM

PIN - 03062-0008

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-97

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Samuel and Mary Hoover House

6325 Elgin Mills Road East
c.1890

The Samuel and Mary Hoover 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 Samuel and Mary Hoover House is a two-storey aluminum siding clad dwelling located on the south side of Elgin Mills Road East, east of the historic community of Milnesville. The house faces north.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Samuel and Mary Hoover House has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmhouse. It is a vernacular dwelling which is difficult to place in any particular stylistic category. Superficially the design displays some Georgian elements as evidenced in its blocky rectangular form, but the asymmetrical distribution of openings on the primary (north) elevation is not characteristic of Georgian architecture. The presence of two entrances may be an indication of a “doddy house” or separate dwelling unit for the older generation of the family in the Pennsylvania German Mennonite tradition. The veranda brackets, in the style of the 1860s to 1880s, suggest that this is an older dwelling that was expanded and remodelled into its current form c.1890.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Samuel and Mary Hoover House has historical value as it associated with the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community who were among the earliest European communities to arrive in Markham Township in the nineteenth century. It also makes legible the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the local agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. Further, the property has historical value for its association with Samuel Reesor Hoover, a farmer and minister of the Wideman Mennonite Church. Markham Township Lot 25, Concession 8 was purchased by Daniel Huber, originally of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1808. The family were Pennsylvania German Mennonites. The centre and eastern portion of the farm passed to Daniel Huber’s grandson, Samuel Reesor Hoover, in 1881. Samuel R. Hoover, a farmer and minister of the Wideman Mennonite Church in Milnesville, established a separate household on the Hoover homestead by the late 1860s when he married Mary Elizabeth Barkey. In 1890, their frame farmhouse was expanded, remodeled or replaced with the new frame dwelling that stands at 6325 Elgin Mills Road East. By that time, the farm was operated by their son Simeon Hoover and his wife Josephine (Stouffer) Hoover.

Contextual Value

The Samuel and Mary Hoover House has contextual value as one of a number of nineteenth century farmhouses located in the general vicinity of the historic rural communities of Milnesville and Dickson Hill, and because it is historically linked to the farm property where it has stood since the mid/late nineteenth century.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Samuel and Mary Hoover 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 representative example of a vernacular Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmhouse:

- Rectangular plan of the main block;
- Two storey height;
- Medium-pitched hip roof with boxed overhanging eaves and single-stack brick chimney on the roof ridge;
- Five-bay composition of the primary (north) elevation with two single-leaf entrance doors, the easterly of which has a flat-headed transom light;
- Flat-headed rectangular single-hung windows with a two-over-two pane division;
- Hip-roofed front veranda supported on simple slender wooden posts and ornamented with fretwork brackets;
- Shed-roofed east side addition with a bay window on east elevation.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the Pennsylvania German Mennonite community of Markham Township, and its association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved by successive generations as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the several generations of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite Hoover family that resided on this property.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building facing north, east of the historic community of Milnesville.

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

- Aluminum siding;
- Garage and other accessory buildings.