



## By-law 2024-176

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AS BEING OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST  
“VICTORIA SQUARE UNITED CHURCH MANSE”  
10724 VICTORIA SQUARE BLVD

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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 Victoria Square United Church Manse;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on May 29, 2024, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Victoria Square United Church  
10720 Victoria Square Blvd  
Markham, Ontario  
L6C 1H9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Victoria Square United Church Manse, 10724 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:  
  
“Victoria Square United Church Manse”  
10724 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 September 25, 2024.

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Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor

# **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2024-176**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 10724 Victoria Square Blvd, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

PT E1/2 LT 25 CON 3 MARKHAM AS IN MA38719, MA21308, MA21305, MA5726 & MA3620; MARKHAM

PIN: 030520016

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-176

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Victoria Square United Church Manse

10724 Victoria Square Boulevard  
c.1936

The Victoria Square United Church Manse 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 Victoria Square United Church Manse is a two-storey red brick dwelling located on the west side of Victoria Square Boulevard, in the historic hamlet of Victoria Square, next door to the Victoria Square United Church. The building faces east.

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

The Victoria Square United Church Manse has design and physical value as a representative example of a brick village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical features. The Victoria Square United Church Manse is typical of the practical, simply detailed houses built on farms and in villages throughout Markham Township in the early twentieth century. Constructed in 1936, it is a late example of its type reflecting the architectural trends of perhaps a decade or more earlier. Its architectural detailing is derived from Edwardian Classicism that was popular from the early 1900s through the 1920s. In form, the house is an American Foursquare with a functional, compact shape and deep front porch with Edwardian Classical details. The red pressed brick cladding and two-storey form of the house, with a broad hipped roof, are representative features of the style. The treatment of the door and window heads, without brick arches or stone or concrete lintels, is unusual.

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

The Victoria Square United Church has historical value and associative value as it is representative of Markham's early religious and cultural diversity as it served as the residence of the ministers of the Victoria Square United Church and their families since first constructed in 1936.. The roots of the congregation date to the formation of a Primitive Methodist Church in 1832. A Wesleyan Methodist Church was next established on land provided on the Stoutenburgh farm in 1845. In 1884, the two Methodist congregations joined together to worship in a Gothic Revival brick church built in 1880. In 1925, the Methodists, the Congregational Union of Canada, and a segment of the Presbyterian Church in Canada joined to form the United Church of Canada. As a result of the church union, Victoria Square's Methodist congregation became part of the United Church. In 1935, the pastoral charge of Victoria Square was formed. Three United Church congregations consisting of Victoria Square, Headford, and Carrville agreed to provide an annual salary for a minister that they would share. In 1936, a manse (residence for the minister and his family) was constructed at Victoria Square on a building lot purchased from William and Ida Heise. The designer of the manse was Frank (full name: Franklin) Brumwell, a member of the congregation. Since the time of its construction, the manse has been home to a succession of church ministers.

#### **Contextual Value**

The Victoria Square United Church has contextual value as one of a grouping 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 Victoria Square. The location of the Victoria Square United Church Manse next to the

Victoria Square United Church clearly expresses the relationship between the church and the residence of its clergy members.

**Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Victoria Square United Church Manse are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a representative example of a brick village dwelling in the form of an American Foursquare with Edwardian Classical features.:*

- Cubic form;
- Two-storey height;
- Red brick veneer;
- Concrete foundation;
- Hip roof and single-stack chimney;
- Gable-roofed front porch with square, wooden, Tuscan half columns supported on brick pedestals, with concrete caps;
- Single-leaf front door;
- Flat-headed window openings with concrete lugsills, containing single-hung wood windows with three-over-one panes organized as single, double or triple units.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its representation of Markham's early religious and cultural diversity through its function as the manse serving Victoria Square United Church.:*

- The dwelling is a tangible representation of the historic relationship between the Victoria Square United Church and the manse as the residence of its ministers and their families.

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

- The location of the building facing east, within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as being physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.*

- The location of the manse next to Victoria Square United Church clearly expresses the relationship between the church and the residence of its clergy members.

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

- Frame vestibule on the south side of the dwelling.