



## By-law 2024-193

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AS BEING OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST  
“WILLIAM AND MARY JANE MACKLIN HOUSE”  
2501 DENISON STREET

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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 William and Mary Jane Macklin House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on June 26, 2024, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

R&M Lalani Incorporated  
2501 Denison Street  
Markham, Ontario  
L3S 2P9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the William and Mary Jane Macklin House, 2501 Denison Street, 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 and Mary Jane Macklin House”  
2501 Denison Street  
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 October 23, 2024.

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Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

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Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor

# **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2024-193**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 2501 Denison Street, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

PCL 40-1, SEC 65M2527; LT 40, PL 65M2527; S/T LT396746 MARKHAM

PIN: 029460163

# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2024-193

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### William and Mary Jane Macklin House

2501 Denison Street  
c.1858

The William and Mary Jane Macklin 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 and Mary Jane Macklin House is a one-and-a-half storey converted dwelling located at the southeast corner of McCowan Road and Denison Street in the vicinity of the historic community of Armadale. The building faces west.

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

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century patterned brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition which incorporates Classical Revival details, particularly its cornice with eave returns ornamented with wood modillions, and its wide principal entrance. It is a good example of the conservative, well-built farmhouses constructed in Markham during the prosperous years of the 1850s when wheat prices were high as the result of the Crimean War. An influx of cash enabled many farmers to replace older dwellings with new residences of higher quality construction. This house displays patterned brickwork in red and buff-coloured brick that was popular in Southern Ontario from the 1850s into the 1880s. The simple form of the building, following the strict symmetry of the Georgian architectural tradition but with details reflecting the Classical Revival style, is typical of mid-nineteenth century Markham Township. The five-bay composition of the facade, locally uncommon, and use of Flemish bond brickwork, are indications of a high quality construction for its time.

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

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has historical and associative value as it represents the theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British families who arrived to Markham Township in the 1820s-1830s, and for its association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. The property is associated with William Macklin, a successful farmer and champion ploughman who lived here from 1839 until his death in 1893. William Macklin came from County Tyrone, Ireland to Upper Canada in 1827-1828 with his brother Marshall and sister Christina. He purchased the western 100 acres of Markham Township Lot 3, Concession 7 in 1839 and married Mary Jane Gilmour, another Irish immigrant, in 1840. They built a substantial brick farmhouse on their property c.1858 to replace an earlier log house. According to a history of the community of Armadale, Macklin was one of a number of skilled ploughmen in the neighbourhood who were known for winning prizes at Ontario ploughing matches.

#### **Contextual Value**

The William and Mary Jane Macklin House has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as the former farmhouse that once served the Macklin farm in the vicinity of the historic community of Armadale. It is historically linked to the site where it has stood since c.1858.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William and Mary Jane Macklin 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 mid-nineteenth century patterned brick farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition with Classical Revival details:*

- Rectangular plan;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Patterned brick walls in red brick with buff brick accents consisting of quoining, radiating arches over door and window openings, a raised brick plinth, and raised belt course;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Five bay composition of the facade with a wide centrally-placed principal entrance containing a single-leaf door and flat-headed rectangular transom light;
- Flat-headed rectangular window openings with projecting lugsills;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting boxed eaves, eave returns, and a wood cornice with Classical modillions;
- Single-stack brick chimney at the north gable end.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value, representing the theme of immigration, particularly the significant wave of British families who arrived in Markham Township in the 1820s-1830s, and for the legibility it provides of the nineteenth century trend whereby farm houses were replaced or expanded as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. Further, it has associative values for its connection to William Macklin, a successful farmer and champion ploughman:*

- The converted dwelling is a tangible reminder of William Macklin, a successful Irish-Canadian farmer and long-time owner who was able to replace his original log dwelling with a fine brick home c.1858.

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

- The location of the building on its original site, facing west, in the vicinity of the historic community of Armadale, serving as a reminder of the agricultural community that once existed in this portion of the former Markham Township.

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

- Modern windows within old openings;
- Modern front entrance within old opening;
- Gable-roofed front porch;
- Dormers on front and rear roof slope;
- South addition built 1990.