



By-law 2015-30

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
The Francis Pike House

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage 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;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Springhill Homes Inc.
35 West Pearce Street, Unit 9
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3A9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Francis Pike House, 7170 Highway 7, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming 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:


The Francis Pike House
7170 Highway 7
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 properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Read a first, second, and third time and passed on March 10, 2015.



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

**SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO
BY-LAW 2015-30**

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions
as follows:

PT LT 11 CON 9 MARKHAM PT 8, 65R35099; CITY OF MARKHAM

CITY OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW 2015-30

Francis Pike House c.1875 7170 Highway 7

The Francis Pike House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Francis Pike House is a one and a half storey brick farmhouse located on the north side of Highway 7, east of Ninth Line. The property is situated within the Cornell community of the City of Markham.

Historical or Associative Value

The Francis Pike House has historical and associative value as the former home of Francis Pike, the son of a U.S. army officer and possibly a nephew of Colonel Zebulon Pike who was killed in action against the Town of York during the War of 1812. Francis Pike emigrated from Pennsylvania to Canada in 1824. He married Elizabeth Strickler and established a farm at Dickson Hill. Like many other families that came to Markham from Pennsylvania, the Pikes were Mennonites. In later years they moved to a 10 acre property east of Markham Village and built a brick farmhouse that still stands at 7170 Highway 7.

Design or Physical Value

The house at 7170 Highway 7 is a representative example of a vernacular farmhouse of the 1870s, clad in patterned brick and retaining its original hipped roof front veranda with slender square posts and fretwork brackets. Corner quoins, a brick frieze on the front wall, and raised “eyebrow” arches over door and window openings are typical decorative brick elements of the period. The symmetry of the façade and form of the building are indicative of the persistence of the design influence of the Georgian architectural tradition well into the 19th century.

Contextual Value

The Francis Pike House is one of a group of heritage buildings that remain from the area’s history as an agricultural community that existed between Markham Village and the hamlet of Locust Hill until relatively recent times, when the area was transformed from farmland into the New Urbanism community of Cornell.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Francis Pike House include:

- Overall T-shaped form of the building, including the one storey brick rear kitchen wing;
- Fieldstone foundation;
- Brick walls with buff brick accents on a red brick body;
- Raised brick “eyebrow” arches over door and window openings;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves and wood shingle moulds and fascia;
- Segmentally-headed 2 pane over 2 pane wood sash windows and their associated wood frames and projecting wood sills;
- Wood front door with 4 panelled design;
- Front veranda with hipped roof, slender square wood posts and fretwork brackets.