



By-law 2014-16

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
Arthur Wegg 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:

Kennedy MM Markham Ltd.
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2700 Dufferin Street, Suite 34
Toronto, ON M6B 4J3

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Arthur Wegg House, 10537 Kennedy Road 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:


Arthur Wegg House
10537 Kennedy Road
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 February 11, 2014.



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

Schedule "A" to By-law 2014-16

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

PT W1/2 LT 24 CON 6 MARKHAM PT 1, 64R3831 EXCEPT PT 7 EXPROP PL
MA110018; MARKHAM

City of Markham
Regional Municipality of York

Schedule "B" To By-law 2014-16

Statement of Significance
Arthur Wegg House
10537 Kennedy Road
c.1922

The Arthur Wegg 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 Arthur Wegg House is located on the east side of Kennedy Road, in a rural setting north of Unionville. The house is south of a barn complex on the same property, associated with the Forsythe Family Farms Country Market.

Design and Physical Value

The Arthur Wegg House has design and physical value as a typical example of the modest, simply detailed residences built in Markham in the first quarter of the 20th century. Its architectural detailing reflects the Edwardian Classicism that was popular from the 1910s through the 1920s. The house was constructed in a modified form of an American Foursquare, with its functional, compact shape ornamented with a corner porch. The red pressed brick cladding and two storey form of the house, with a broad hipped roof, is representative of up-to-date farm residences that were locally built in the early part of the 20th century.

Historical and Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value as the former house of Arthur and Hannah Wegg, when they retired from farming and left the farm in the hands of their son, Telfer. Arthur Wegg was the son of John and Sarah (Johnson) Wegg of Uxbridge. The Wegg family ancestors originated in Germany and moved to Norfolk, England. This branch of the family came to Canada and settled in Uxbridge in 1842. The family name was spelled "Weige" in German, and was later changed by different branches to "Wegg" or "Wagg."

The house is believed to have been constructed c.1922 by John Miller, a prominent local builder who is credited with building many of the red brick houses in Unionville and vicinity, and the old arena at the Markham Fairgrounds. Wegg descendant owned the property until 1960. Since 1986, the property has been the location of Forsythe Family Farms Country Market, a community landmark.

Contextual Value

The Arthur Wegg House has contextual value as one of a number of older buildings clustered around the historic crossroads community of Cashel. It is a tangible reminder of the community's past as a prosperous agricultural area. The house illustrates the trend of farm improvement over time, and is a good example of an early 20th century farm residence exhibiting features typical of Edwardian Classicism in Southern Ontario.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Arthur Wegg House include:

- L-plan shape;
- Red brick walls with segmental brick arches over window openings;
- Masonry foundation;
- Medium pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging boxed eaves;
- Hipped-roofed corner porch with closed gable at the corner, supported on wooden Tuscan columns on brick piers with concrete caps, and brick railing with basket-weave brick pattern, capped with concrete coping, and skirted with basket-weave brickwork;
- Corner stairs of front porch, with brick sidewalls with concrete coping;
- One over one single hung windows with concrete sills.
- Decorative leaded glass window.