



## BY-LAW 2012-76

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
Richard Tarr House

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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 Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Regional Director  
Programs and Pickering Lands Branch  
Ontario Region, Transport Canada  
Attn: Rob Bergevin  
4900 Yonge Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M2N 6A5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Richard Tarr House, 7368 Elgin Mills Road E, 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 TOWN 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:

Richard Tarr House  
7368 Elgin Mills Road E  
Markham, ON

2. THAT the Town 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 THIS  
3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

  
KIMBERLEY KITTINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

  
FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO  
BY-LAW 2012-76**

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

PT LT 26 CON 8 MARKHAM; PT LT 27 CON 8 MARKHAM; PT LT 28 CON 8 MARKHAM; PT LT 29 CON 8 MARKHAM PT 1 65R6094

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW 2012-76**

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

#### **Richard Tarr House East Half Lot 26, Concession 9 7368 Elgin Mills Road East c.1894**

The Richard Tarr 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 the following Statement of Significance.

##### **Description of Property**

The Richard Tarr House is a two storey red brick dwelling located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road, just west of the crossroads of Elgin Mills Road and Reesor Road. The house faces south, and is set back a short distance from the road.

##### **Design or Physical Value**

The Richard Tarr House is an unusual example of a brick, vernacular farmhouse from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, with a Georgian Tradition form and arrangement of openings, but with a hipped, pyramidal roof and cubic plan reflecting echoes of the later Italianate style. Its simplicity of form and detail is a noteworthy departure from the more prevalent irregular outlines and exuberant decoration of late Victorian houses in Markham Township. The house is therefore significant as a precursor of the Edwardian Classical and Foursquare style brick houses that became common in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is not known if the second storey door on the front façade ever opened onto a balcony or two-storey porch.

##### **Historical or Associative Value**

The Richard Tarr House has historical value for its association with George and Richard Tarr. The Tarr family purchased the former Degeer farm in 1893. Richard Tarr and his wife, Esther, resided here in the early years of the building's construction, according to assessment records. The Markham Township Map of 1918 indicates the property was in the ownership of George K. Tarr at that time. The farm was sold out of the family in 1919.

##### **Contextual Value**

The house at 7368 Elgin Mills Road East remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners

##### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Richard House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two storey height, cubic plan with a two storey frame rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Red brick walls with brick arches over door and window openings;
- Pyramidal roof with overhanging eaves, associated wood mouldings and single-stack red brick chimney;
- Simple front door opening on the ground floor, and second storey door opening above;
- Flat-headed windows openings, with transomed, large-paned windows on the ground floor front, and wood, 1 over 1 sash windows elsewhere.