



## BY-LAW 2012-78

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest  
James Collins 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 James Collins House, 11223 Reesor 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 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:

James Collins House  
11223 Reesor Road  
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 KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2012-78**

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

LT 26 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 27 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 28 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 29 CON 10 MARKHAM; LT 30 CON 10 MARKHAM EXCEPT MA40158 & MA65826; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW 2012-78**

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

#### **James Collins House West Part Lot 29, Concession 10 11223 Reesor Road c.1850**

The James Collins 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 James Collins House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the east side of Reesor Road, approximately half way between Elgin Mills Road East and Nineteenth Avenue. The house faces west, and is set back from the road.

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

The James Collins House is a typical example of a modest tradesman's house in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. The effect of the building's design relies more on balance and proportion than upon decorative elements. A small barn associated with the house may have also contained a carpentry shop when originally constructed.

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

The James Collins House has historical value for its association with James Collins, an Irish immigrant who purchased a one acre parcel of Lot 29, Concession 10 in 1849. Collins was a carpenter by trade, and is believed to have built the modest frame house on this property c.1850. After James Collins sold the property in 1865, it became part of the Vanzant family land holdings. The Vanzants were of Dutch descent, and came to this area of Markham Township from New York State about 1800.

##### **Contextual Value**

The house at 11223 Reesor Road 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 James Collins House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its one and a half storey height, L-shaped plan incorporating a one and a half storey rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with the original finish concealed beneath later claddings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves;
- Simple front door opening;
- Flat-headed windows openings, which may have originally contained wood, 6 over 6 sash windows based on the style of the house and its period of construction;
- Frame barn with wood board and batten siding and a gable roof.