



## BY-LAW 2011-186

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

David and Melissa Loney  
3 Heritage Corners Lane  
Markham, ON L6E 1A8

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Joseph Marr House, 3 Heritage Corners Lane 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:  
  
Joseph Marr House  
3 Heritage Corners Lane  
Town of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York
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  
20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

  
KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

  
FRANK SCARPITT  
MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2011-186**

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

PT LOT 16 CON 7 PT 3, 65R24463; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **Joseph Marr House** c.1848

#### **3 Heritage Corners Lane**

The Joseph Marr 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 Joseph Marr House is located on the east side of Heritage Corners Lane, within Markham Heritage Estates. The house was relocated to this site from 8992 Reesor Road, in the Locust Hill community, in 2005.

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

The Joseph Marr House is of historical and associative value for its connection to the Marr family and Markham's period of agricultural prosperity in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Its original location was on Lot 14, Concession 9, granted to William Marr in 1809. The Marr family remained loyal to the British Crown during the American Revolution, and as a result were compelled to leave their home in Pennsylvania in 1799. William, his widowed mother and several siblings first settled in the Niagara district. They petitioned for land grants in Markham Township in 1801. William Marr married Phoebe Earls and they had 9 children. Marr served as a lieutenant in Captain John Button's cavalry troop during the War of 1812, and was a government supporter during the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837.

Joseph Marr (1798 – 1885) was the second child of William and Phoebe Marr. He married Lucy Crosby. In 1848 Marr purchased a portion of the east half of the family homestead. It is thought that the existing house on the property was built about 1848, though it possible that the house may have been constructed prior to the formal purchase of the land. In 1857, the property was sold to Christian Reesor, a prominent local landowner that resided on Lot 14, Concession 10, directly across the road from the Marr farm. For many years the house and farm were occupied by tenant farmers while the property remained in the ownership of the Reesor family until 1920.

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

The Joseph Marr house is good example of a modest, one and a half storey vernacular dwelling that reflects the Georgian architectural tradition in its symmetry, rectangular plan, and simplicity of design. The building is of solid brick construction using the local variegated clay brick typical of eastern Markham Township. The brickwork of the façade was laid in Flemish bond, while the other walls were rendered in common bond. A one storey frame kitchen wing/woodshed extends from the rear wall. It appears to date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and has a "boomtown" front where the east wall extends past the side wall of the brick portion of the house. The vertical tongue and groove siding of the rear wing is a characteristic finish found on frame buildings in Markham Township dating from the third quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century into the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A particularly significant feature of the brick portion of the house is the formal central door within a panelled reveal, topped with a three paned transom light. There is no indication that a covered porch or verandah ever existing on this house, which is in keeping with the design of many of Ontario's Georgian tradition buildings. Door and window openings are flat-headed and have angled brick arches. Existing wood windows have 2/2 glazing that likely replaced the earlier multi-paned sash, possibly with 9 over 9 glazing in the larger front windows. The eave returns and gable end chimneys, not present at the time of relocation, have since been restored.

### **Contextual Value**

The Joseph Marr House has contextual value as a restored building from the Locust Hill community, relocated in 2005 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to the realignment of Reesor Road by the Region of York. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the Town's heritage buildings.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Joseph Marr House include:

#### **Brick Portion**

- Overall form of the brick house, with its rectangular plan and 1 ½ storey height;
- Fieldstone facing on the foundation;
- The front doorcase with panelled reveals, panelled door, and 3-paned transom light;
- Wooden 2 over 2 sash style windows with their wood brick moulds, projecting wood sills, radiating brick arches, and replicated wood shutters;
- Medium-pitched, wood shingled gable roof, with wide, overhanging eaves, restored eave returns, associated wood trim and mouldings, and replicated brick gable-end chimneys;
- Door and window trim in the north front room, with mouldings, corner blocks and panelled window aprons.

#### **Frame Portion**

- Overall form of the single storey rear wing, with its rectangular plan, offset on the rear wall of the brick portion of the house;
- Vertical V-groove wood tongue and groove siding;
- Boomtown front facing Heritage Corners Lane;
- Medium-pitched, wood-shingled gable roof with its associated wood trim and mouldings, and replicated brick centre stove chimney;
- Wooden 1 over 1 sash style windows with the associate wood sills and trim.