

Recommended Heritage Designation

Anthony Roman Centre/Markham Civic Centre





Markham's heritage designations have typically been 19th century buildings...



... but more recent buildings also illustrate the historical development of the community and are considered cultural heritage resources.

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- “Heritage properties don’t have to be old. There are newer buildings and structures all across our province that have cultural heritage value because of their design, cultural associations, or contribution to a broader context.”

— *Ontario Ministry of Culture*

Cultural Heritage

“Our cultural heritage is what we value from the past, and what we want to preserve for future generations.”

“Our cultural heritage is not just about the past – it is about the places, spaces and stories that we value today, that we want to acknowledge for the future.”

- Ontario Ministry of Culture

Markham's Civic Centre

- Markham's Civic Centre was completed in 1990
- This year is the 20th anniversary of the centre's official opening
- Designation was proposed by the Unionville Villager's Association





Cultural Heritage Value: Historical and Associative Value

- A symbol of the municipal government of the Town of Markham
- Markham's most recent, and largest municipal administration building
- Designed by a renowned Canadian architect, Arthur Erickson
- Named for former Mayor, Anthony (Tony) Roman



Cultural Heritage Value: Design and Physical Value

- A good example of a Modernist public building with some elements of Post-Modern design
- A unique architectural expression designed to relate to its site at the intersection of Highway 7 and Warden Avenue
- The building and its setting are significant, including an artificial lake, peace garden, settler's monument, fountain and amphitheatre



Cultural Heritage Value: Contextual Value

- A key component of Markham Centre
- A landmark building at Highway 7 and Warden Avenue
- Part of a cluster of public buildings including Markham Theatre and Unionville High School

Heritage Designation

- The Civic Centre is listed on the *Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*
- Evaluated as a Group 1 heritage building
- Recommended by Heritage Markham for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Heritage Designation

- Heritage designation recognizes and provides awareness of the cultural heritage value of the Civic Centre and its grounds
- Attributes in the Statement of Significance are primarily exterior elements and site features
- Heritage designation will not prevent changes but ensures changes are appropriately managed and respect the property's heritage value
- Council, as in all heritage designations, has final approval authority over changes



Leading While Remembering

- The Civic Centre represents a milestone in Markham's development as a municipality
- Although it only dates from 1990, it represents a significant period of Markham's recent history
- The building with its grounds is a highly-recognizable symbol of the Town of Markham and its administration
- The Civic Centre is a physical expression of the forward-looking civic administration of its time and the achievements of the Town after almost two centuries