



## BY-LAW 2011-79

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

Fred Watt and Joyce Nelson-Watt  
10 Heritage Corners Lane  
Markham, ON L6E 1A1

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Joshua Miller House, 10 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:

Joshua Miller House  
10 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  
22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

  
KIMBERLEY KITTERINGHAM  
TOWN CLERK

  
FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 2011-79**

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

PCL 5-1 SEC 65M2761; LT 5 PL 65M-2761 ; MARKHAM

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2011-79**

### **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**Joshua Miller House  
c.1825  
10 Heritage Corners Lane**

The Joshua Miller 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 Joshua Miller House is a one and a half storey clapboarded dwelling facing east, fronting onto Heritage Corners Lane. The house is part of the Markham Heritage Estates Subdivision of relocated heritage houses.

#### **Statement of Reasons for Identification**

##### **Historical Value**

Dating from c.1825, the Joshua Miller House has historical value as an original dwelling from Markham's early settlement period. It is one of the Town's oldest remaining heritage buildings. The house has associative value as the former home of a significant family of American immigrants who played a role in the historical development of agriculture in the eastern part of Markham Township through clearing the land, establishing a farm, and building a home upon the east half of Lot 22, Concession 8. Joshua Miller and his wife, Rachel, came to Canada from Saratoga, New York in 1801, receiving the Crown patent for their property in 1807. The Miller family were founding members and committed supporters of the 9<sup>th</sup> Line Baptist Church. The house also has associative value for its late 19<sup>th</sup> century history as one of the properties owned by Senator David Reesor, a prominent civic and business leader who resided in Markham Village.

##### **Architectural Value**

In its restored state, the Joshua Miller House is an excellent example of a vernacular, late Georgian farmhouse displaying the saltbox form and heavy centre chimney typical of early American domestic architecture. The balanced 5-bay arrangement of the simple façade, with its centre door framed by sidelights and small, multi-paned windows, is representative of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Upper Canada, but also recalls the vernacular farmhouses of late 18<sup>th</sup> century eastern United States that its original inhabitants would have left behind. Given the prosperity of Markham Township as it developed into a mature agricultural community, resulting in the replacement of houses dating from the early settlement period, the survival of an early frame house of this simple form is noteworthy and rare.

##### **Contextual Value**

The Joshua Miller House has contextual value as a restored building dating from Markham's early settlement period, relocated in 2006 from its original site to Markham Heritage Estates, to save it from demolition. 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**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the heritage value of the Joshua Miller include:

- Overall form of the building;
- Fieldstone-faced foundation;
- Wood clapboard siding, with its associated trim, window frames and door frames;
- Low- pitched, saltbox-form gable roof with tight eaves and associated wood trim;
- Single stack, red brick, central chimney;
- Flat-arched 6 over 6 wood sash windows with projecting wood sills;
- Front doorcase with flush-panelled 4-panelled wood door and multi-paned sidelights with 4-paned glazing and wood panels below;
- Wood plank south side door;
- 6-paned basement windows;
- Hip-roofed side porch on simple wood posts, with wood-shingled enclosed portion, on the south wall;
- Original interior door and window trim, baseboards and beaded wall and ceiling panelling.