



By-law 2018-111

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

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

Bruce and Renee England
5 Heritage Corners Lane
Markham, ON L6E 1A8

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Joseph Wideman House, 5 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 CITY 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 Wideman House
City of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the City 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 on September 12, 2018.


Kimberley Katteringham
City Clerk


Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2018-111

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

PART LOT 16, CONCESSION 7, PART 5, 65R-24463; MARKHAM

CITY OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2018-111

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Joseph Wideman House 1891 5 Heritage Corners Lane

The Joseph Wideman 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 Wideman House is a relocated heritage building on the east side of Heritage Corners Lane in Markham Heritage Estates, a community of relocated heritage buildings. The Wideman House is a one-and-a-half storey frame building with a rear addition constructed in 2016-2017.

Historical and Associative Value

The Joseph Wideman House has historical and associative value at the former home of Joseph Wideman (1836-1911), who operated a pottery manufacturing business on the west half of Lot 21, Concession 8 from the mid-1870s until 1908. The original location of the house and business was 10015 Highway 48. This dwelling was built in 1891 to replace an earlier residence on the property which may have then been converted to serve as the pottery workshop. In addition to the pottery business, Joseph Wideman repaired clocks and built mouse-traps, and for these specialties he was well-known in the Mennonite community both in Markham Township and Waterloo County. His son, Abram N. Wideman, worked in the pottery from 1886 to 1897.

Design and Physical Value

The Joseph Wideman House has design and physical value as a good example of a rural tradesman's dwelling in a vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style. The L-shaped plan, vertical tongue and groove wood siding and steep gables are typical features of this picturesque architectural style. In this example, decorative elements are limited to segmentally-arched window openings, a lancet window in the gable over the front veranda, and bay windows on the front and south side walls. If bargeboards and other decorative woodwork were once present, no obvious evidence of them remains today.

Contextual Value

The Joseph Wideman House has contextual value as a restored building from the Milnesville community, relocated in 2015 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to abandonment. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes to be Conserved

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of the Joseph Wideman House include:

- One-and-a-half storey, L-plan form of the building;
- Exterior walls of vertical tongue and groove wood siding;
- Natural stone foundation facing;
- Gable roof with wood shingles, projecting eaves and wood soffits, and fascia;
- Reproduction single-stack, corbelled red brick chimney on the south gable end;
- Segmentally-headed one over one sash-style wood windows;
- Canted front bay window;
- Later box bay window on the south gable end wall;
- Lancet window in the gable over the front veranda;
- Single-leaf front door opening with salvaged glazed cottage door of the 1890s period;
- Reproduction front veranda with a low-pitched hipped roof, supported on turned posts.