



By-law 2016-56

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

Marion J. Dent
c/o Ms. Jennifer Russell-Dent
and Chris Dent
4160 Doane Road
Sharon, ON L0G 1V0

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the William Mergen House, 10855 Kennedy 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 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:

William Mergen House
10855 Kennedy Road
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 May 31, 2016.

Martha Pettit
Deputy City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2016-56

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

PT LT 26 CON 6 MARKHAM as in MA70199; MARKHAM

CITY OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B TO BY-LAW 2016-56

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Mergen House 10855 Kennedy Road c.1863

The William Mergen 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 William Mergen House is a two storey frame building located on the east side of Kennedy Road, next to the historic Cashel Cemetery, a short distance north of Elgin Mills Road East.

Historical or Associative Value

The William Mergen House is of historical or associative value as the c.1863 home of Prussian immigrants William and Mary Catherine Mergen, who came to Markham some time between the 1851 census and 1861 census and settled in the crossroads hamlet of Cashel. William Mergen was primarily a labourer but in the mid 1860s he was a broom and basket maker. The family owned the property until 1939.

Design or Physical Value

The William Mergen House is of design or physical value as a representative example of a modest dwelling of a labourer and his family within a hamlet setting. It is a simple vernacular building displaying the symmetry of the Georgian architectural tradition in the placement of the entrance door and windows on the front façade, but without decorative embellishments such as a door surround that would typically be seen in a more upscale building. Originally a one storey dwelling, it was raised to two storeys in the late 19th century.

Contextual Value

The William Mergen House is of contextual value as one of a cluster of cultural heritage features that form what remains of the historic hamlet of Cashel. Immediately next door to the south is the former site of St. Helen's Presbyterian Church that stood here between circa 1827 and 1865-66, and the small cemetery associated with it.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William Mergen House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the main two storey rectangular block, one storey kitchen wing and lean-to;
- Masonry foundation;
- Frame wall construction and underlying historic cladding, if present;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves;
- Existing rectangular door and window openings.