



By-law 2024-56

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
“Savage-Schell-Dennie House”
10737 Victoria Square Blvd

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV, Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act (the “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;

WHEREAS the property described in Schedule “A” to this By-law (the “Property”) contains the cultural heritage resource known as the Savage-Schell-Dennie House;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Markham, by resolution passed on December 14, 2023, has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Gel-Don Investments Inc.
206 Main Street – Unit 2
Unionville, Ontario
L3R 2G9

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Savage-Schell-Dennie House, 10737 Victoria Square Blvd, and has caused such notice of intention to be published digitally in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS Council has described the Property, set out the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for the Property, and described the heritage attributes of the Property in Schedule “B” to this By-law, which forms 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:

“Savage-Schell-Dennie House”
10737 Victoria Square Blvd
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 property described in Schedule “A” attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Read a first, second, and third time and passed April 3, 2024.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

SCHEDULE ‘A’ TO BY-LAW 2024-56

In the City of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, the property municipally known as 10737 Victoria Square Blvd, Markham, Ontario, and legally described as follows:

LOT 23, PLAN 184 CITY OF MARKHAM

PIN: 030531508

SCHEDULE ‘B’ TO BY-LAW 2024-56

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Savage-Schell-Dennie House

10737 Victoria Square Boulevard
c.1872

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 Savage-Schell-Dennie House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the east side of Victoria Square Boulevard in the historic community of Victoria Square. The house faces west onto Victoria Square Boulevard.

Design and Physical Value

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has design and physical value a representative example of a modest vernacular village dwelling in the Georgian architectural tradition. The ground floor windows previously had 6/6 single hung windows, and the second floor, 6/6 windows in the north gable end and 1/1 windows in the south gable end.

Historical and Associative Value

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has historical and associative value as representing the theme of the early development of the hamlet of Victoria Square and specifically the creation of retirement properties in village settings for former local farmers. This property is the former residence of George and Ann Savage, retired farmers from the Gormely area that first developed village Lot 23, Plan 184, in William Hingston’s subdivision of 1856 in Victoria Square, and as the former home of Paul and Ellen Schell when they retired from farming north of Schell’s Corners in 1882. Paul Schell was the great-grandfather of Wesley Schell, founder of Schell Lumber in Stouffville in 1922. The property has further historical and associative value for its long association with Charles Dennie, a labourer, huckster (a travelling seller of goods) and drover (a person who moves herds to market) that lived here from 1890 to the mid-1930s.

Contextual Value

The Savage-Schell-Dennie House has contextual value as one of a number of nineteenth century buildings that are important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character and extent of the historic hamlet of Victoria Square. It has stood on this property since c.1872. As such, it has long-standing and significant physical, visual and historical linkages to the community of Victoria Square.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Savage-Schell-Dennie House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property’s design and physical value as a representative example of modest, vernacular, village dwelling in the Georgian architectural tradition:

- One-and-a-half storey, rectangular plan, western block;
- One-storey rear kitchen wing
- Wood clapboard siding that is presumed to exist below modern cladding;

- Symmetrical 3-bay façade (west elevation);
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Existing flat-headed, rectangular window openings on all sides of the building;
- Centrally-placed, flat-headed, single-leaf door opening on the west or front wall.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical and associative value as representing the early development of the hamlet of Victoria Square, particularly the creation of retirement properties in village settings for former local farmers, and its association with Charles Dennie, a noteworthy long-term resident:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Savage, Schell and Dennie families that historically resided here.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character and extent of the hamlet of Victoria Square.

- The central location of the building facing Victoria Square Boulevard within the historic hamlet of Victoria Square.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of significant cultural heritage value:

- Vinyl siding;
- One-over-one contemporary window units.