

June 23, 2004

Gary Pringle  
Environment Assessment Co-ordinator  
Ontario Realty Corporation  
Ferguson Block, 11th Floor  
77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, ON M7A 2G3

Dear Gary Pringle:

Re: By-laws to designate certain properties as being of  
historic and/or architectural value or interest

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on April 27, 2004, passed the following by-laws, which designated various properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest. The by-laws, and the affected properties, are listed below.

2004-95	Blacksmith House 7401 Reesor Road
2004-96	Cedarena 7373 Reesor Road
2004-97	Christian Reesor Homestead 9035 Reesor Road
2004-98	David Whaley House 7218 Reesor Road
2004-99	George Miller Tenant House 7551 Reesor Road
2004-100	John Wurtz House 8847 Reesor Road
2004-101	Moses Clendenen House 9829 Ninth Line
2004-102	Peter Reesor Homestead 7273 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
2004-103	Reesor Pioneer Cemetery
2004-104	Reesor Tenant House 7632 Highway #7
2004-105	Samuel Irving House

2004-105	Samuel Irving House 9529 Reesor Road
2004-106	Samuel Reesor Homestead 7450 Reesor Road
2004-107	Tran House and Barn 7914 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
2004-108	William Lapp House 7399 Reesor Road
2004-109	Wurtz Family Cemetery North of Hwy. #7, East side of Reesor Road

Copies of the by-laws, with the pertinent registration data, are attached for your information.

Sincerely,



Sheila Birrell  
Town Clerk

Encl.

cc: The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

**Properties**

**PIN** 03065 - 0377 LT **Estate/Qualifier** Fee Simple Lt Conversion Qualified ☒ **Affects Part of Prop**  
**Description** PT E 1/2 LT 2 AND PT LT 3, CONCESSION 9, DESIGNATED AS PT 1, 65R26347,  
TOWN OF MARKHAM, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK  
**Address** MARKHAM

**Applicant(s)**

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

**Name** THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM  
**Address for Service** 101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation The Corporation of the Town of Markham, Don Cousens, Mayor and Sheila Birrell, Clerk.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

**Statements**

This application is based on the Municipality By-Law No. 2004-102 dated 2004/04/27.

Schedule: See Schedules

**Signed By**

Cathy I. Wyatt 101 Town Centre Blvd. acting for Applicant(s) Signed 2004 05 27  
Markham L3R 9W3  
**Tel** 905-477-7000  
**Fax** 9054797764

**Submitted By**

TOWN OF MARKHAM 101 Town Centre Blvd. 2004 06 03  
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**Fees/Taxes/Payment**

**Statutory Registration Fee** \$60.00  
**Total Paid** \$60.00



## BY-LAW 2004-102

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The Peter Reesor Homestead

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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 historic and/or architectural 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:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Peter Reesor Homestead, 7273 14th Avenue having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designations 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 properties, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Peter Reesor Homestead  
7273 14th Avenue  
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  
27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

"Sheila Birrell"

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SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

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DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-102**

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

Lot 4, Concession 9

TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## **SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-102**

### **STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

The Peter Reesor Homestead is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value and interest containing the following heritage attributes:

#### **Historical Attributes**

The Peter Reesor Homestead was built c.1831 by the first Peter Reesor. The house is located on Lot 4, Concession 9, Markham and accessed through a lane south from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This lane was part of a 'given' road that crossed the Rouge River at Peter's mill and came out to Reesor Road by the Cedar Grove Mennonite Church (Rouge Valley Mennonite Church).

Peter Reesor (1755-1854) and his wife Ester Eby (1774-1826) arrived from Franklin County, Pennsylvania with his father Christian and family in 1804. Peter selected this site because of the rich soil and water power available from the Little Rouge River. He built two mills along the river. Ester and their oldest son, Christian, journeyed back to Pennsylvania in 1826 and on their return trip died of typhoid fever in Lewiston, New York. That winter Peter journeyed to Lewiston and brought back their bodies for burial in Cedar Grove cemetery. Peter built this house in 1831 for his family and second wife, Elizabeth Ramer Koch (1794-1875). A very traditional Pennsylvania German barn was also built in 1831. It was destroyed by fire in August 1960. The farm was sold in 1940.

#### **Architectural Attributes**

The Peter Reesor Homestead is a two storey, Georgian house, built of stone with a five bay façade. The front of the house has been covered in stucco for over 100 years.

The front façade of the house has wood, double hung, 2/2 windows in all openings. The windows appear in a c.1900 photograph of the house and are therefore of sufficient age to be considered historic.

The doorway remains in its original place on the front façade. On the west elevation, the façade has been covered in stucco. On the c.1900 photograph the fieldstone on the façade remains exposed. Another feature of the west façade which is now hidden are two small square windows at the roof level.

The c.1900 photograph shows a ½ storey stone wing on the side of the house. This feature has since been removed and replaced with a frame barn feature in the same location.

On the north elevation, the stone façade of the house is exposed. The stone is rough cast fieldstone, fully dressed. Some windows appear to be capped in stone some in wood;

A small frame addition exists on the east side of the house.

Originally, the house would have had wood shingles on the roof.

#### **Contextual Attributes**

The Peter Reesor House is of contextual significance as a significant architectural landmark of the community of cedar grove. The house sits on a now abandoned roadway which was once a major thoroughfare in the community until the dam was removed across the Rouge River.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations (2/2 and 6/6 pane division);
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone foundation;
4. The original roofline;
5. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling;
6. The brick chimneys;
7. The stone under the present stucco cladding.