

NOTICE
Intention to Designate a Property / Ontario Heritage Act

The Council of the City of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter O.18, Part IV:

Joseph and Mary Steckley Houses
10535 & 10537 McCowan Road
Markham, ON

The Joseph and Mary Steckley Houses have design value and physical value as a locally rare example of two separate Pennsylvania German multi-generational dwellings on the same property, and as representative examples of mid-nineteenth century farmhouses in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. The Joseph and Mary Steckley Houses have historical value for their association with a community of early importance within early nineteenth century Markham Township, specifically Pennsylvania German Tunkers. This community was distinct from the Pennsylvania German Mennonites who settled the area during the same period. These houses are noteworthy examples of the cultural practice of Pennsylvania German families to provide multi-generational housing on their farms. Further, the property has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to their surroundings where they have stood since the mid-nineteenth century. They are two of several important mid-nineteenth century farmhouses on the stretch of McCowan Road between Major Mackenzie Drive East and Elgin Mills Road East. Together these farm residences are an indication of the prosperity of Markham's agricultural community in the mid-nineteenth century.

Any person may notify the City of Markham of their objection in writing, which shall include the reasons for their objection and all relevant facts, **on or before 4:30 p.m. July 23, 2025** to be sent by registered mail or dropped off in person to:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Objections can also be submitted via email at: clerkspublic@markham.ca

If a notice of objection is received, the Clerk will refer the matter to Markham Council for reconsideration. Further information regarding the proposed designation is available from the Clerk's Department.

Dated at Markham this 23rd day of June, 2025
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk