

**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:

Byer-Shank House  
10235 Highway 48  
Markham, ON

The Byer-Shank House is a rare and early example of a Pennsylvania German farmhouse of frame construction with a two-tier front veranda. It is the only one of its kind remaining in Markham with only minimal alterations made to its exterior, likely due to the fact that the property remained in the ownership of the same family for over two centuries, a remarkable continuity of ownership in this area. The Byer-Shank House has historical value for its association with the Pennsylvania German Byer and Shank families, long-time owners of the property. It also has historical and associative value for representing the following themes in Markham's cultural history:

- The cultural and religious mosaic theme of Pennsylvania German Tunkers being attracted to Markham Township in the early nineteenth century;
- The theme of industry, innovation and economic development for the property's association with the Byer sawmill, in operation as early as 1817;
- The theme of industry, innovation and economic development for the property's association with the Byer Cancer Cure and the Byer Cancer Hospital.

Further, the property has contextual value for being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its site where it has stood since 1829, and for its connection to the Byer House and Byer Cemetery at 10451 Highway 48, the Jessie and Emma Byer House at 10388 Highway 48, and the former Byer Brothers Brookside Apiaries at 10379 Highway 48. The Byer-Shank House is one of a number of nineteenth and early twentieth century dwellings in the vicinity of the historic rural community of Milnesville that make legible the agricultural history of the area.

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. September 18, 2024** 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk