

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 74-22

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION THE STECKLEY-EYER HOUSE AND STONE OUTBUILDING 1000 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST

Property Description

The property at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of physical or design value and historical or associative value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value below.

Located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road East, east of Bayview Avenue, the property contains the Steckley-Eyer House and a stone outbuilding, which are believed to have been constructed between 1830 and 1837. The House is 1.5 storeys and the stone outbuilding is one storey. The property is north and slightly west of the Eyer Homestead, which is located on the south side of Elgin Mills Road East at 1045 Elgin Mills Road East.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Historical or Associative Value: Association with a person who was significant to the community

Christian Steckley Jr., a Pennsylvania-German immigrant and ordained minister of the Tunker Church, purchased Lot 26, Concession 2, Markham Township, in 1830. His ministry spanned the period from 1829 to his death in 1865. Steckley was associated with several Markham lots, leading to the speculation that he built a number of the early dwellings throughout the township, including the one at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East.

After passing through the ownership of William Stockdale and Alexander Wallis, the west 100 acres of the property were acquired by David Eyer Jr. in 1850. David Eyer Jr. was born on the family homestead, directly across the road on Lot 25, in 1827. The Eyer family were Pennsylvania-Germans who arrived in Markham Township from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1803. In addition to farming the land, David Eyer Jr. established a stave and shingle factory adjacent to the Rouge River that operated between 1855 and 1882.

In the period following Eyer's death in 1882, the property passed through many hands until it was purchased by Dr. E. Clark Noble and his wife, Edith, in 1946. Dr. Noble was a noted collector of Canadiana furniture. Many of his pieces are illustrated in major reference books on the subject.

Design or Physical Value: Early and representative example of an architectural style

Architecturally, the original 1.5-storey clapboard-clad section of the house follows the basic Georgian model, characteristic of the period of construction, with a rectangular plan and 3-bay front. It is thought to have been constructed between 1830 and 1837.

A gable-roofed fieldstone outbuilding that is believed to have once functioned as a creamery is located to the rear of the house.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Each exterior heritage attribute of the property at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East listed below is indicative of the property's design or physical value.

The Steckley-Eyer House

- The 1.5-storey residential building;
- The scale, form, height, and massing of the original rectangular building;
- The original 3-bay front;
- The clapboard cladding;
- The low-pitched gable roof with eave returns and moulded cornice;
- The window and door openings of the original building;

- The window surrounds of the original building;
- The Neoclassical front door of the original building, including its moulded entablature, blind sidelights, and altered eight-panelled door;
- The fieldstone foundation.

The Stone Outbuilding

- The 1-storey fieldstone building;
- The scale, form, height, and massing of the original rectangular building;
- The fieldstone walls;
- The low-pitched gable roof.