

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-147-DS**

BEING A BY-LAW to designate 12140 Tenth Line as having cultural heritage value or interest.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate real property including the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 12140 Tenth Line and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for two consecutive weeks;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

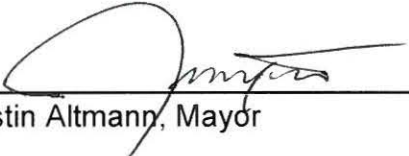
1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

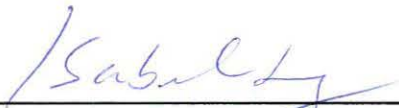
12140 Tenth Line  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Regional Municipality of York

2. AND THAT the Town 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 proper Land Registry Office.

READ a first and second time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

READ a third time and passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
Justin Altmann, Mayor

  
Isabel Leung, Deputy Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

### REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 12140 TENTH LINE

Part of Lot 35, Concession 9 (Markham), Being Part 2 on Plan 65R-33395; Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### *Description of Properties or Associative Value*

Rev. Ludwig Kribs who was the minister for the first church in Stouffville (the Congregational Church) sold a parcel of his 20 acres to Leonard Kester on August 22, 1848.<sup>1</sup> Leonard Kester held possession of the property until February 27, 1858. During this ten year period of ownership it is believed the dwelling was constructed. The property was then sold to John Vanzant, the brother of James Vanzant who had purchased 20 acres of the original 200 acre lot from Abraham Stouffer in 1839.<sup>2</sup>

In 1877, the property was incorporated into the Village of Stouffville as a result of the rapid growth occurring in the area. On June 9, 1903, the property was purchased by Robert Curtis who was the first postmaster in Mongolia (Elgin Mills Rd. and Tenth Line) and also operated the general store.<sup>3</sup> In 1913, the property was sold to James Vanzant. The property was in the Vanzant family for the following 80 years until it was sold in 1996 by Donna (Vanzant) Gardiner, the granddaughter of James Vanzant.

#### *Design or Physical Value*

The construction of the dwelling was primitive in form, and the 1.5 storey vernacular dwelling was built using vertical plank construction, a method of construction now rare within the Community of Stouffville. It is also believed that this is the first constructed dwelling on Tenth Line south of Main Street. At a recent site visit by members of the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), it was noted that the original pine flooring in the dining room and upstairs front bedroom has been preserved, along with the original stone foundation that is still present and in good condition.

#### *Contextual Value*

The property has been home to members of numerous families, most notably being the Vanzant family who have ties to the property as early as 1839.<sup>4</sup> The family's long-standing presence and importance to the Town has been recognized through the naming a road "Vanzant Court" in the Community of Stouffville. The property has contributed to community development and towards the understanding and appreciation of Stouffville's cultural heritage through being showcased on the Town's Heritage Walking Tours.

### SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL ATTRIBUTES

- Vertical plank frame
- Original pine flooring in the dining room and upstairs front bedroom
- Original stone foundation
- While completely remodelled, still exhibits elements of Stouffville's Heritage Area

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<sup>1</sup> The congregational church of Stouffville and Markham, Ontario 1842-1903, p.4

<sup>2</sup> Land Records Abstract Index, Lot 35 con 9 Markham

<sup>3</sup> Markham 1793 – 1900, p.279

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