Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Matthew Faris House c. 1855

The subject property has been researched and evaluated to determine its cultural heritage significance according to Ontario Regulation 9/06. This Regulation, defined in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, outlines several criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest. For a property to be designated under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act,* it must meet two or more of these criteria, which are outlined below. By using these criteria, staff can determine if the property's cultural heritage value or interest merits designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Description of Property

The property at 2243 Sideroad 10 is located on the west side of Sideroad 5. The property contains a Gothic Revival and Ontario Vernacular residential dwelling. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Faris House. Its legal address is:
2243 Sideroad 10; Part of Lot 11, Concession 5

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Design/ Physical Value

The Faris House has design and physical value as representative example of a Gothic Revival and Ontario Vernacular property. The house was built around 1854 and has the following characteristics: two storey home with a central peaked gable and side gable roof.

Historical/ Associative Value

The Faris House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the Matthew Faris, Farmer. The Faris Family were an early settler family in the Bradford/West Gwillimbury community. The family were known farmers, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The Faris House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the character of the agrarian routes of the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the Faris House that exemplify its heritage value as a Gothic Revival and Ontario Vernacular house as it relates to the property include:

- One and a half story house with five bays and central peaked gable
- Side gable roof
- Front verandah that spans front façade
- Rectangular window openings and doors
- Second story door and Juliet balcony
- Rubble/Stone Foundation
- Brick chimney