Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

West- McKay House c. 1860

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 3951 Line 5 is located on the south side of Line 5. The property contains a Georgian c. 1869 residential property. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the McKay- West House

Its legal address is:

3951 Line 5; Lot 4, Concession 4

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Design/ Physical Value

The McKay- West House has design and physical value as representative example of a Georgian c. 1869 property. The house was built around 1869 and has the following characteristics: Two story with three bays, red brick cladding side gable roof symmetrical façade with rectangular windows and door openings.

Historical/ Associative Value

The McKay- West House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the Henry McKay, Selkirk Settler and Thomas West. Both the McKay and West Family were early settler families in the Bradford/West Gwillimbury community. The families were farmers, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The McKay- West House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the character of the agricultural routes of the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the McKay- West House that exemplify its heritage value as a Georgian c. 1869 house as it relates to the property include:

- Two story home
- Red brick cladding
- Side gable roof
- Symmetrical façade with three bays
- Rectangular windows and door openings