

**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*:

Melville Church  
11248 Kennedy Road  
Markham, ON

Melville Church has design and physical value as a locally unique example of late nineteenth century ecclesiastical architecture in the High Victorian Gothic Revival style. It has further design and physical value for the craftsmanship and artistic merit of its highly decorative patterned brickwork consisting of a red brick body with buff brick accents. The blind Gothic arch on the east or front wall above a trio of tall lancet windows is particularly noteworthy for its large, bold design. Melville Church has historical and associative value as it is revealing of Markham's early religious and ethnic mosaic, particularly in connection to a Free Presbyterian Church congregation founded by Scottish and Scots-Irish immigrant families in north-central Markham Township in the 1840s. Significance is also found in its association with the initial movement toward the formation of the United Church in Canada in the early twentieth century. Melville Church has additional historical value for its association with John Anthony, its designer, who was an active local architect and builder based in Markham Village in the late nineteenth century. Further, the property has contextual value as it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its site, where it has stood since 1877. It is historically linked to the adjoining cemetery and manse, which are now on separate properties but remain visually associated with the church. Melville Church has particular contextual value as a landmark on a rise of land on Kennedy Road north of the historic crossroads hamlet of Cashel.

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. January 13, 2024** to be sent by registered mail or dropped off in person to:

Clerk's Department, City of Markham  
Attention: Alecia Henningham  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk