

**Notice of Passing of a Heritage Designation By-law
by The Corporation of the City of Pickering**

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Pickering passed Heritage Designation By-law [8193/25](#) on June 23, 2025 under Section IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*

The purpose and effect of the By-law is to designate the lands legally described as Lot 71, Plan 40M-2774 (the “Forsyth House”) and municipally known as 5113 Brock Road (Claremont), Pickering, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

And Take Notice that any person may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the Heritage Designation By-law [8193/25](#) by filing a Notice of Appeal, no later than 4:30 pm on August 2, 2025. The filing of an appeal after 4:30 pm will be deemed to have been received the next business day.

A Notice of Appeal can be filed using the OLT e-File Service, along with any applicable appeal fees, by visiting olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/.

In the event the OLT e-File portal is not available, a Notice of Appeal may be submitted to:

Susan Cassel
City Clerk, City of Pickering
One The Esplanade
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7
clerks@pickering.ca

The Notice of Appeal must:

- be on the prescribed form as provided by the OLT;
- set out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection; and,
- be accompanied by the fees required by the OLT. If paying by certified cheque or money order, it must be payable to the “Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario”.

Additional information regarding the appeal process, including appeal forms and the required appeal fees is available at olt.gov.on.ca.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the City’s City Development Department at 905.420.4617 or toll free at 1.866.683.2760.

Dated at the City of Pickering this 3rd day of July, 2025.

Rumali Perera
Deputy Clerk, City of Pickering
One The Esplanade
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7

The Corporation of the City of Pickering

By-law No. 8193/25

Being a by-law that designates the lands legally described as Lot 71, Plan 40M-2774, (the “Forsyth House”) and municipally known as 5113 Brock Road (Claremont), Pickering, as being cultural heritage value or interest.

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas on June 23, 2025, Council endorsed the recommendations of its Heritage Advisory Committee to designate 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law; and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering has caused to be served on the owners of 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as requested by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering enacts as follows:

1. The Forsyth House, known municipally as 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest for reasons set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered on title to 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) (the Forsyth House).
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) (the Forsyth House) and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish notice of this by-law on the City’s website, in accordance with City of Pickering’s Public Notice Policy ADM100.

By-law passed on this 23rd of June, 2025.

Original Signed By

Kevin Ashe, Mayor

Original Signed By

Rumali Perera, Deputy Clerk

Schedule “A” By-law No. 8193/25

Reasons for Designation

Description of Property

5113 Brock Road (Claremont) is located on the east side of Brock Road. The property is located at the northeastern edge of the former Village of Claremont, Pickering.

Reason for Designation

Built in 1916, 5113 Brock Road (Claremont) is valued as a fine representative example of an early-twentieth century American Foursquare farmhouse. This is expressed through its square plan, two-storey scale, hipped roof, and varied design details, including the wrap-around verandah with its two-storey frontispiece.

5113 Brock Road (Claremont) has historical and associative value for its direct association with G.M. Forsyth, a historically significant municipal leader and farmer in Claremont. Forsyth held many major offices in Pickering Township and the Village of Claremont throughout his political career, culminating in his appointment as Warden of Ontario County in 1923. During his term as Reeve of Pickering Township, he was instrumental in bringing hydroelectric power to Claremont. This association is expressed through the grandeur of the farmhouse and its estate-style landscape treatment.

5113 Brock Road (Claremont) has contextual value for defining, maintaining, and supporting a rural character along Brock Road in Claremont. Sited on the northern edge of the village, the property’s agricultural landscape forms the backdrop to the late-nineteenth-century village fabric. Additionally, the property is considered a local landmark in Claremont.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that highlight the value of the farmhouse as a fine representative example of an early-twentieth century American Foursquare farmhouse, featuring eclectic architectural and landscape elements, including:

- Scale, form and massing of the two-storey house, with its square plan and flat-topped hipped roof;
- Wrap-around verandah, including the two-storey frontispiece, pedimented roof, and Tuscan columns;
- Five-sided single-storey bay window, covered by the verandah;
- Varied segmental-arch window openings;
- Dormer windows and chimneys protruding from the attic;
- Brick materials, laid in a stretcher bond pattern;
- Semi-circular front driveway lined with mature trees;
- Raised cut-stone foundation;
- Its location on the east side of Brock Road, just north of the village of Claremont;
- Farmhouse, set back from and oriented towards Brock Road, with front-yard mature trees;
- Siting of the farmhouse atop a landscaped pedestal, marked by a retaining wall and split staircase; and
- Scrub along the Brock Road frontage.