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May 5, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Attention: Jim Leonard, Registrar

Dear Mr. Leonard:

**Re: Notice of the Passage of By-law Number 5615-14 to Designate a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest – “The Aurora Armoury”
89 Mosley Street, Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York**

Please find attached a copy of By-law Number 5615-14 designating the property municipally known as 89 Mosley Street, in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, which includes a Statement of Significance explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen M.A. Huycke
Town Clerk

Att.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5615-14

BEING A BY-LAW to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (The Aurora Armoury – 89 Mosley Street).

WHEREAS subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS on February 26, 2013, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the "Town") approved the recommendations of its Heritage Advisory Committee to designate the property municipally known as 89 Mosley Street, Aurora (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Town Clerk of the Town caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS there were no objections to the proposed designation of the Property served on the Town;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to enact a by-law to designate the Property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

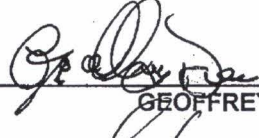
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. THAT the Property described on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law be and is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. THAT a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out on Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
3. THAT the Town Clerk of the Town shall serve a copy of this By-law on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. THAT the Town Solicitor of the Town shall register against the Property in the proper Land Registry Office, a copy of this By-law including an Affidavit of the Town Clerk respecting the giving of notice referenced herein to be attached to and forming part of this By-law.
5. THAT this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passage hereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

Approved as to Form
By Legal Services
Signature: Wanda M.
Date: April 16, 2014



GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR


STEPHEN M.A. HUYCKE, TOWN CLERK

Re: Heritage Designation By-law Number 5615-14

By-law Number 5615-14 to designate the property municipally known as 89 Mosley Street, Aurora, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c. O.18, as amended.

Schedule "A"

Description of Property

All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York, municipally known as 89 Mosley Street, and being composed of Part Town Hall or Market Block Plan 68 Aurora as in AU515; Aurora, including the Aurora Armoury and all other buildings and structures thereon.

Schedule "B"

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the property derives from its architectural, historical and contextual values. The property is associated historically with local militia, as well as civic and community activities in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The property has contextual value as being located within the first residential subdivision in Aurora, known as Southeast Old Aurora. The building is valued architecturally as being representative of the utilitarian and functional design of early militia drill sheds. While the building is no longer used by local militia, it was previously one of the oldest functioning purpose-built armouries remaining in Canada. The building is a physical reminder to the larger history of the province's militia regiments and is strongly connected to the local community.

Physical Design Value

The Aurora Armoury is a functional one (1) storey frame structure with a low-pitched front-end gable. The building was originally constructed in 1874 sheathed with vertical wood board and batten and renovated in 1942, introducing horizontal wood bevel siding. The building was renovated again in 1983 including the addition of aluminum siding and the covering-up of windows on the west elevation. The building was designed according to the standard plan prepared by the Department of the Militia and Defence in 1867, most likely by Walter Moberly, an engineer associated with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The functional and utilitarian design of this building is an excellent example of early purpose-built militia drill sheds, expressive of rural building practices and construction methods.

Historical /Associative Value:

The Aurora Armoury is historically associated with the 12th Battalion of Infantry of York Rangers, for whom the building was originally constructed. The building is associated with citizen soldiers of the local community as well as Edward Blake, former Prime Minister of Ontario, who delivered his famous "Aurora Speech" on the property on October 3, 1874, emphasizing the nationalist movement.

Contextual Value:

Located on the south side of Mosley Street and on the west side of Larmont Street, on the north-east corner of Town Park, the property is located within the first residential subdivision in Aurora, known as Southeast Old Aurora. Located within this historic residential neighbourhood, as well as the adjacent Town Park, the building has become an integral part of the local community. Its public use throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is strongly associated to its key location in the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Reasons for designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof; including all facades, entrances, window openings, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials, their related building techniques and landscape features.

Exterior Elements

- Overall rectangular plan, one-storey building form;
- Low-pitched front-end gable-roof;
- All window openings;
- East elevation brick chimney;
- Original truss framing; and
- Original door openings and entrances.