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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1993-57**


A by-law to designate a 65 Park Avenue as
a property of historic and
architectural value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 65 Park Avenue is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 26th day of May, 1993.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-57

The house at 65 Park Avenue was built in 1910 by Francis Coombs after the Carson and Bacon Survey was drawn up for the land south of the Lakeshore Road, between Lady Eaton's Raymar Estate and the Eighth Line. Little is known of Francis Coombs or of Arthur and Cathleen Nudge who purchased the house in 1913, but it is probable that both owners used the house at 65 Park Avenue as a summer residence, as was the case with many of the other houses in the Bacon-Carson survey.

In 1929, the house was purchased by Dougall B. McCunn and soon after was occupied by Miss Ruth Lightbourn's School. According to Francis Robin Ahern in her book, Oakville: A Small Town, "The famous private school of Miss Ruth Lightbourn whose name is perpetuated today in St. Mildred's Lightbourn School (no. 1080 Linbrook Road), began in 1923 in a very small way. The headmaster of Appleby School, Mr. J. S. H. Guest, had a problem. Although he had secured the best teachers he could find to provide an education for the nearly 100 boys in his care, he was at a loss to know how or where to secure an education for his two small daughters, Betty and Kitty. Since a school full of boys did not seem to Mr. Guest an ideal setting for their education, he approached Miss Ruth Lightbourn, asking her if she would undertake to teach them. Miss Lightbourn agreed, and the girls were brought each school day to the Lightbourn home on Dunn Street (No. 31).

Ruth Lightbourn was an exceptionally gifted teacher, and in no time the word spread to other parents in Oakville, who clamoured to have their children taught by her also. Soon, the number of students, including a few small boys, increased to fill two of the downstairs rooms of the Lightbourn home, and in 1929, Ruth moved her school to a house on the east side of Park Avenue (No. 65).

Unfortunately, 1929 was not a good year for the school to expand due to the stock market crash of October, 1929 and the Great Depression that followed, meant that many of the families who had sent their children to Miss Lightbourn's school could no longer afford to do so. Enrollment declined significantly, and as a result, the school moved to smaller quarters at 235 Trafalgar Road late in 1930. As the Depression years eased, enrollment increased again and the school moved in 1937 to its site for so many years at No. 220 Reynolds Street.

Miss Lightbourn's School continued until her retirement in 1958, and many of her loyal graduates are spread far and wide."

After Miss Lightbourn's school moved from 65 Park Avenue in 1930, the house continued to be owned by the McCunn family. Their ownership lasted until the death of Irene McCunn, sister of Dougal McCunn, in 1970.

The house at 65 Park Avenue was restored and represents an excellent example of the Queen Anne cottage style. The use of various cladding materials such as cedar shingles and narrow weatherboard siding, and the steeply pitched gables are representative of the style. The intricate period style front porch does much to enhance the house. Other features of the house include a central chimney, decorative second storey windows and a partial mansard roof.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-57

In the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, being composed of FIRSTLY: the northwesterly 45 feet throughout from front to rear of Lot 10, Plan No. 105.

SECONDLY: Part of Laneway Plan 105 designated as Part 2 Reference Plan 20R-5507.

THIRDLY: The whole of Lot 9, Plan 105

FOURTHLY: Part of laneway, Plan 105, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 20R-5507

Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

TOGETHER WITH a free and uninterrupted right of way of ingress and egress for persons, animals or vehicles in common with all other persons who have or may hereafter have the like right through, along and over all lanes, streets, and the Esplanade shown and described on said registered plan of said property Numbered 105 and also through, along and over those parts of the property of one Samuel Edward Bacon shown and described on the registered plan of said property #110 as Park Avenue and the Esplanade.

Subject to an easement in favour of Bell Telephone Company of Canada, as in Instrument No. 500913.

As described in Instrument No. 711698.