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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
BY-LAW 1993-120

A by-law to designate 2507 Dundas Street West  
as a property of historical, architectural,  
and contextual value and interest.

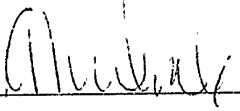
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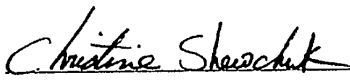
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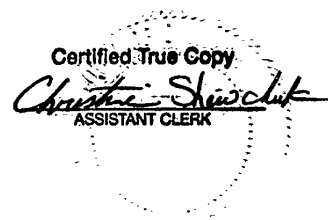
1. The property municipally known as 2507 Dundas Street West is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 4th day of August 1993.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

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## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-120

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 2507 Dundas Street West was built in 1868 for Harvey Morris Switzer. Harvey Switzer was born in County Limerick, Ireland in 1819 and immigrated with his parents, William and Eliza Switzer, to Canada in 1832. The Switzer family eventually settled in the Township of Albion (North Peel) and cleared a farm there.

At the age of twenty-one, Harvey Switzer left home and entered mercantile life as a clerk to J.M. Chafee, at Tullamore (North Brampton), where he worked for eighteen months. Following this, he was employed in the dry goods establishment of J.A. Smith of Toronto. He remained there for five years until 1844, when he moved to Palermo to become a general merchant. In 1845, Harvey Switzer married Martha Solomon, a native of Cornwall, England. Together they would eventually raise seven children.

On the 30th of September, 1846, Harvey Switzer was appointed Postmaster of Palermo. At the main intersection of the then bustling Village of Palermo, Harvey Switzer's general store and post office thrived. As a result, Harvey Switzer eventually became one of the most successful businessmen in the Township. According to Keturah Buck, wife of Dr. Anson Buck, in her Early History of Palermo, "Harvey Switzer carried on his business for nearly half a century and amassed quite a fortune".

In addition to his activities as postmaster and merchant, Harvey Switzer was actively involved in a number of other areas in public life in Palermo and Trafalgar Township. He was a County Magistrate and Commissioner in the court of Queen's Bench. He was a cadet in the military school, and following the organization of the 20th Halton Battalion of Volunteer Militia, held a position on the

staff as paymaster, and rank of Captain. Harvey Switzer was also very involved in the Halton Agricultural Society. In 1853, he was a founding member of the society, and in 1859, he was elected as the society's President. Harvey Switzer was involved in politics with the Conservative Party and was a member of St. Luke's Anglican Church. In the 1870's, the Halton County Council appointed Harvey Switzer as one of the Trustees to hold the bonus to the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway. During his early years in Palermo, Harvey Switzer appears to have lived in a residence connected with his general store and post office. In 1861, however, he purchased 24 acres of Lot 30, Concession 1, N.D.S. from John Watson, on which he planned to build a house. This objective was realized in 1868 when the large red brick house at 2507 Dundas Street West was completed for Mr. Switzer and his family. The many ornate details on the exterior of this home reflect the wealth that Harvey Switzer had acquired by this time.

In 1883, the house at 2507 Dundas Street was sold to Peter James Inglehart. Peter James Inglehart was the grandson of John Inglehart, a United Empire Loyalist who was one of the first to settle the land near Palermo. In 1889, the property was sold to Charlotte Inglehart, who would own the property at 2507 Dundas Street West until 1939.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The house at 2507 Dundas Street West is a large 2 1/2 storey red brick house built in 1868. The house is an example of the Canadian Farmer Italianate style, first introduced in the Canadian Farmer Journal in 1865 as a vernacular approach to the Italianate style.

Some notable features of the house include arched windows, projecting gables with cornice and returns, heavy roof brackets, gingerbread detail on the porch, double hung windows, a projecting bay window and an ornate doorway. The foundation for the house is of local stone and the roofing material is asphalt shingle which has replaced the original wooden shingle roof.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 2507 Dundas Street West is a highly visible feature along Dundas Street and is an important reminder of the Village of Palermo.

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**SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-120**

In the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, in the Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 30, Concession 1, North of Dundas Street, Town of Oakville, and which parcel of land may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the northwesterly limit of the King's Highway Number Five (Dundas Street) has a bearing of North 37 Degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East, and relating all bearing herein thereto;

COMMENCING at a point in the northwesterly limit of the King's Highway Number Five (Dundas Street) distant 264.73 feet measured on a course of North 37 degrees 53 minutes East from the southerly corner of Lot 30, Concession 1, North of Dundas Street;

THENCE NORTH 45 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds West along the line of post and wire fence 333.52 feet to an iron pipe found;

THENCE NORTH 38 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East 70.27 feet to a point;

THENCE NORTH 38 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East 191.59 feet to a point;

THENCE SOUTH 46 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds East 331.13 feet to a point;

THENCE SOUTH 37 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 266.36 feet of the point of commencement;

ALL OF WHICH CONTAIN by admeasurement 2.003 acres and is shown on a plan of survey prepared by McConnell-Jackson, Ontario Land Surveyor, dated the 24th day of June, 1970;

SAVE AND EXCEPT those portions expropriated by the Department of Highways for the Province of Ontario as shown on Plan Number P-22074-60 registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton on the 27th day of October, 1971 as Instrument 1490 and being those parts designated as parts one and two thereon more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the north westerly limit of the King's Highway Number Five (Dundas Street) has a bearing of North 37 degrees 53 minutes East and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at a point in the north westerly limit of the King's Highway Number Five (Dundas Street) distant 264.73 feet measured on a course of North 37 degrees 53 minutes East from the southerly corner of Lot 30, Concession 1, North of Dundas Street;

THENCE NORTH 45 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West 8.05 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing North 37 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds East 143.38 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing North 37 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds East 20 feet to a point;

THENCE NORTH 25 degrees 49 minutes East 50.99 feet to a point;

THENCE North 37 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds East 20 feet to a standard iron bar;

THENCE North 37 degrees 7 minutes 30 seconds East 34.40 feet to a point;

THENCE SOUTH 46 degrees 27 minutes East 21.63 feet to a point;

THENCE SOUTH 37 degrees 53 minutes West 101.99 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing South 37 degrees 53 minutes West 20 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing South 37 degrees 53 minutes West 144.37 feet to the point of commencement.

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