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The Town of Richmond Hill

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, RSO 1990 CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including lands and building, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18:

Municipal Address: 103 Richmond Street, Richmond Hill

Legal Description: In the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York, being composed of part of Lot 47, Concession 1 W.Y.S., more particularly described as Lot 115, Compiled Plan 12003 and part of Lot 28, Plan 481

Historical Reference: The Eliza Gaby House

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Eliza Gaby House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

This Classic Ontario village house was built by Levi Gaby circa 1886 for his widowed mother, Eliza. Eliza was the wife of Frederick Gaby, an English immigrant who came to Richmond Hill in the late 1850s.

The house is one-and-a-half storeys with a centre gable. Significant exterior features include the original clapboard and associated trim, six-over-six windows on the east wall, and evidence of a former bellcast-roofed verandah.

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A significant interior feature is a remnant of early 20th century wall stencilling on the ground floor.

A more detailed reasons for designation is available for review at the Office of the Clerk, Ground Floor, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 19th day of May, 1995. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail.

If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.


David M. Calnan
Deputy Clerk

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Reasons for Designation

103 Richmond Street

Eliza Gaby House

The Eliza Gaby House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

This Classic Ontario village house was built by Levi Gaby circa 1886 for his widowed mother, Eliza. Eliza was the wife of Frederick Gaby, an English immigrant who initially settled in Thornhill, then came to Richmond Hill in the late 1850s. Census data list Frederick Gaby as a farmer.

Frederick Gaby assembled lands on Richmond Street, beginning in 1859 with the purchase of a quarter acre parcel from Martha Harrison. Levi Gaby's home was at 111 Richmond Street, the adjacent property to the west of 103 Richmond Street. He operated an express business to Toronto in the 1890s.

The Eliza Gaby House has the one-and-a-half storey height and centre gable typical of the Classic Ontario style. The original clapboard siding, corner boards, water table, and door and window architraves remain, as do a number of 6-over-6 sash windows on the east side of the building. The location of the original bellcast-roofed verandah shown in a historical photograph of the house is clearly indicated by markings on the siding.

A significant feature of the interior is a strip of early 20th century wall stencilling in the northwest ground floor room in the front section of the house.