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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
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Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
Richmond Hill Railway Station
1378 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill
and
Town Farmhouse
1380 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill
Our Files: D12 RA/ST and D12 TO/FA

I am pleased to enclose a copy of By-law Nos. 16-93 and 17-93 designating the above mentioned properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please telephone me at extension 3001, or Janet Fayle at 737-7780.

Sincerely,

Sharon Clayton
Assistant - Clerk's

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attach.

c. J. Fayle



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 17-93

A By-law to Designate the Property Known
Municipally as 1378 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill,
of Historical or Architectural Value or Interest
(The Richmond Hill Railway Station)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 1378 ELgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property located at 1378 Elgin Mills Road East, in the Town of Richmond Hill, being part of Lot 26, Concession 2, EYS, and further described as Part 1 on Plan 65R-16319, is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
3. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property in the Land Registry Office.
4. That the statements contained in Schedule "A" hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
5. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE A

The Richmond Hill Railway Station is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The station was built in 1906 on the James Bay Railway line, constructed from Toronto to Sudbury between 1905 to 1908. By the time the railway began operating in November of 1906, the name had been changed to the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway, later changed again to the Canadian Northern. The line was acquired by Canadian National Railways in 1923.

The station formed the nucleus of Richmond Hill's first modern industrial district, located on the east side of the village. Until its closure in 1975, the station was a busy passenger and freight depot. It was also a popular meeting place for local children during the period of station agent Y.B. Tracy's employment, 1911 to 1953. Tracy was a community-minded individual who had a special interest in organizing children's activities.

After a period of standing vacant and being boarded up, the station was relocated to Richmond Green in 1979 by the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association, to serve as their clubhouse.

Constructed in the highly decorative Queen Anne Revival style, the station was originally clad in a combination of horizontal clapboard, vertical wainscotting, decorative panels of angles, tongue and groove wood below windows, and sunburst-patterned clapboard in the gables. The station was trimmed with prominent corner boards and false half timbering.

The broad hip roof with three gables was originally clad in wooden shingles. The small, gable-roofed west wing was added in circa 1923.

Significant exterior features include the original windows, canted bay window, transomed entrance, five-panelled doors, and flat architraves. Also significant are the tongue and groove soffits, the flat fascia, the shingle and bed mouldings, and "RICHMOND HILL" sign boards in the north and south gables.