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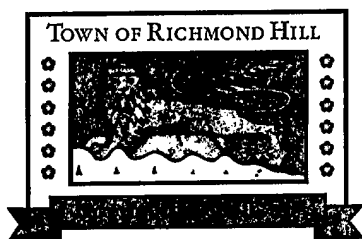


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## Town of Richmond Hill

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January 29, 2008

To: The Ontario Heritage Trust  
(formerly Ontario Heritage Foundation)  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

**Re: Notice of the Passing of By-law Nos. 19-08 and 20-08**

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, passed the following resolutions concerning the southwest Part of Lot 27, Concession 3, Markham Township (The John Hilts Stine House) and Part of Lot 28, Concession 3, Markham Township (The John McCague House):

"That By-law No. 19-08 being a by-law to designate 10961 Leslie Street, The John Hilts Stine House under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, be adopted; and

That By-law No. 20-08, being a by-law to designate 11121 Leslie Street, The John McCague House under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, be adopted."

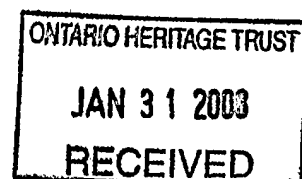
Copies of By-law Nos. 19-08 and 20-08 are attached. Copies of the two By-laws have been sent to the Land Registry office to be registered against the properties affected.

Yours truly

Sherry Harrison  
Legislative & Projects Advisor

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cc: J. Leung, Manager of Urban Design  
M. Krapez, Urban Design Planner  
D. McLarty, Town Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

**BY-LAW NO. 20-08**

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of  
11121 Leslie Street  
The John McCague House under the  
*Ontario Heritage Act*

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of cultural heritage 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 know as 11121 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

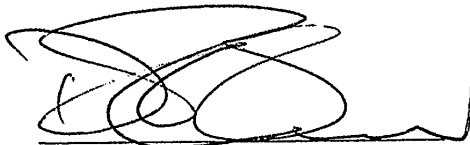
**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

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


1. That the real property located at 11121 Leslie Street, being Part of Lot 28, Concession 3, Markham Township, as in R664228, Town of Richmond Hill is hereby designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the by-law, together with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property to be served on the owner of the property and on the Trust, and publish a notice of the by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
3. That 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.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2008

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.



Mayor Dave Barrow  
Mayor



Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 20-08

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION THE JOHN MCCAGUE HOUSE 11121 Leslie Street

#### Description of Property

The John McCague House at 11121 Leslie Street was built for or by John McCague in 1859-1860. This dwelling was home to the McCague family, an early Markham Township/Richmond Hill area family who is believed to have been associated with Lot 28, Concession 3, Markham Township since the mid 1830's. In 1859 John McCague bought fifty acres of the lot, built the house, and eventually acquired the whole two hundred acres. Five generations of McCagues have owned and successfully farmed this property.

The John McCague House is a well preserved and architecturally interesting example of a mid nineteenth century brick farm in rural Ontario. The original one-and-a-half storey building is brick construction with a broad, medium gable roof and rectangular plan, with a symmetrical five-bay façade facing south. As a farmstead property with a significant Georgian style residence, its continuing survival contributes to the understanding of the rural farming origins of the region. Its use by one family for several generations (until 1950s) presents the opportunity to study the evolution of the building and site.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The John McCague House property at 11121 Leslie Street possesses cultural heritage value due to its architectural merit as well as its contribution to the understanding of the rural history of the area. The property's continuing survival as a farmstead used by one family for several generations presents the opportunity to study the evolution of the building and site and serves as a visual reminder of the rural farming origins of the region.

This structure is representative of the style, scale, quality of craftsmanship and function of farm buildings erected in rural Markham/Richmond Hill in the mid nineteenth century by settlers who wanted to express their stability by the construction of a permanent dwelling. While Georgian is considered the foundation style of Ontario's architecture, many vernacular houses of the time incorporated up-to-date refinements and features more familiar to the Neoclassical and Regency styles, such as the transom lights surrounding the door or an awning profiled veranda as found in the John McCague House.

With the exception of the north façade, which had been altered sympathetically in form and massing, the building continues to retain many of its architectural features dated from the nineteenth century and can be regarded as having cultural heritage value or interest according to a number of criteria under Ontario Regulation 9/06:

- 1) i) The property has design or physical value as a representative example of style and construction and to serve its original purpose as a farm dwelling; it poses unique opportunities for interpretation of the heritage building type, function and the specific site;
2. i) It has historical or associative value because it has direct associations with the activity (farming) significant to the local community;  
  
ii) It has the potential to yield information that contributes to study the evolution of the building and site, particularly due to its use by one family for several generations;
3. i) The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the rural, agricultural character of the area in the face of impending development.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The south, west, east and north elevations of the building along with the hipped roof with dormer and gables; together with all original construction materials (buff brick in Common bond, stone and wood), and all component architectural features and detailing including the decorative wood porches and verandah, flat window openings with brick voussoirs, brackets, double hung windows, the original centre door with a transom and moulded trim, slate roofing material and brick chimneys.