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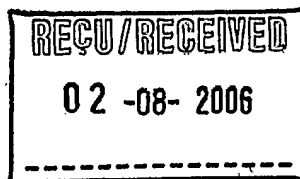
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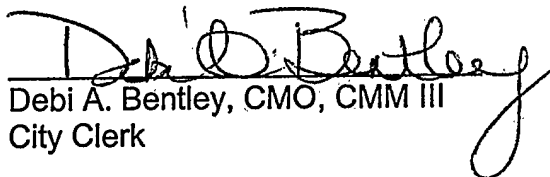
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**Subject:** 1690 Whitevale – 'Glen House'  
City of Pickering  
Heritage Designation, Part IV  
The Ontario Heritage Act  
File: A-2800-005-06

At a meeting held July 24, 2006, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering passed By-law 6692/06, a copy of which is enclosed, to designate property municipally known as 1690 Whitevale Road, Pickering, as a Heritage Structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A Notice of Passing to Designate this property will be advertised in the August 9, 2006 issue of the Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser. A copy of the notice has been attached for your information.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Debi Bentley, City Clerk at 905.420.4660 ext. 2153.

  
Debi A. Bentley, CMO, CMM III  
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Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PICKERING

BY-LAW NO 6692/06

Being a by-law to designate the property and buildings at 1690 Whitevale Road, Lot 19, Concession 5 (Glen House) as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property and buildings at 1690 Whitevale Road, (Glen House) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Pickering has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 1690 Whitevale Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

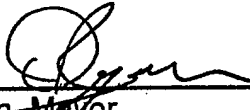
WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'A' to this by-law; and

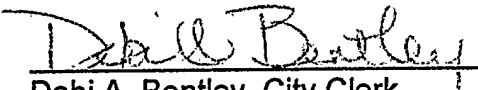
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PICKERING ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property at 1690 Whitevale Road, more particularly described in Schedule 'B' is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'B' to this by-law in the property Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 1690 Whitevale Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Pickering as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

By-law read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 24th day of July, 2006.

  
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David Ryan, Mayor

  
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Debi A. Bentley, City Clerk

By-law 6692/06

Schedule 'A'

Reasons for Designation

Glen House  
1690 Whitevale Road

The Glen House is said to be associated with some of the earliest settlers in the Pickering area. The site, which may also merit National Historic Site status, was used as a meeting place in the 1930's for the socialist group which was eventually formed into the C.C.F., the precursor to the National Democratic Party. The late 19<sup>th</sup> century house has a later addition but remains intact. The house, mid 1840's barn and surrounding property are being considered for designation owing to the political activities which took place at this location.

Cultural Heritage Value: Thomas Hubbard (1759-1853) and his family were United Empire Loyalists, who came to Pickering just before the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. "Thomas and his family had a major impact on the community in terms of social, religious and political life. He was the first Township Clerk in 1811 and donated land for the first area school that was built by the Hubbards, Matthews, Sharrads and Willsons. The Hubbards were founders of the influential Christian Church of Brougham. Hubbard and his sons were members of the Brougham Reformers (Mackenzie sympathizers)." [Scheinman, 2004]

William R. Wood, writing in 1911 reports a log school building on the southwest corner of the property in relation to S.S. 10 (Brougham). In 1850, James Hubbard sold the south quarter of the lot (where the house is located) to Archibald C. Thompson. In the 1861 census, he was recorded as having a log house on the site. The building's association with the Thompson family is worthy of note as Thompson's Inn, situated just across the Brock Road, was a key landmark in the area throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century (location for town meetings and a local meeting place for Mackenzie supporters in the time leading up to the 1837 Rebellion). It appears that the land was leased many times over the years until around 1900 when the property owners are listed as Bignall. This family conveyed the land to Andrew Glen in 1923.

Andrew Glen was an articulate Scotsman who came to Canada in 1912 and lived and worked in Toronto until he became disenchanted with city life, purchasing his farm in 1923 and living there until expropriation. He was a writer, pacifist, socialist, theosophist and outdoorsman. In 1918, he joined the Theosophical Society and became Secretary of the Social Reconstruction Group. He became president of the Labour Party of Toronto in 1921. On June 26, 1932, several local socialist groups, including J.S. Woodsworth, met at his farm where a resolution was passed asking Woodsworth to form a national socialist conference. Mr. J.S. Woodsworth did so in the west later that year confirming Glen House as the historic meeting place of the group which, out of that meeting, went on to form the C.C.F., the precursor of the National Democratic Party. Andrew Glen ran as a CCF candidate in 1935, but was unsuccessful.

During the late 1930's, Mr. Glen was a regular columnist for the Toronto Star, but with the coming of the war, his pacifism became suspect. Eventually, his home was searched by the RCMP and some of his property seized. A large portion of his personal papers, relating to his involvement with socialism, have been deposited in the Queens University Archives in Kingston.

Heritage Attributes: The original house, which still contains the basement, its old enormous apple and vegetable bins made of boards which are at least thirty inches wide. The house is small, but in good condition and has survived some one hundred and twenty years of weathering. It sits on a slight knoll with the land dropping off to the west into Urfe Creek, surrounded by mature trees and well tended gardens.

The house is a one and a half storey residence with a large rear addition with gables perpendicular to the original and a further shed roofed addition to the rear. The simple treatment of the stair at the rear corner with pencil post balustrade is a surviving original feature of note, however, and its placement at the rear corner 'winding' at the two walls, is typical of log construction. The simple wood balustrade is a rare surviving example for Pickering and should be retained in place. While the exterior is clad in aluminum siding, however, the form of the original section and its relationship to other aspects of the site (creek, lane, barn) remains intact. It will require further investigation and research, but it is possible that the log house now on the property and hidden behind layers of cladding materials is the log school built on land Thomas Hubbard donated for school purposes early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and which was operated by the Hubbards, Matthews, Sharrard and Willson families.

IS 1861 house  
restored this  
house?

A frame outhouse is notable for its three holes including a child's seat and a relatively early frame barn. The Glen barn is a fine example of a pre-1860's barn and probably dates to the early to mid 1840's. The barn is of very heavy timber, pegged, mortise and tenon construction of 'English barn' style with very few changes having been made to it down through the years. Its layout and style of construction, with its canted purlin supports, large swing beam and pole rafters, is typical of a barn of this period. Its workmanship is of superior quality as evidenced by the fine adzing work and close tolerance of its joinery. It appears to be in fair condition but needs a proper survey to determine its condition in detail.

The Scheinman inventory (2004) evaluated this property as a Heritage Resource requiring a Statement of Heritage Resource. The Hough Stansbury inventory (1994) rates this property as a Class A, the highest score possible.

Significance: The Glen House was the site of the first meeting of those who would go on to form a Socialist political party. It shows the strong movement began with the impetus of the east. James Woodworth was at this first meeting and told Andrew Glen that he was going out west to form this new party – the C.C.F. He became leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Foundation Federation in 1932, the same year the meeting at the Glen House took place. The Ontario Heritage Foundation recognizes this property as having provincial significance. In addition, the sites association with both the Hubbard and Thompson families is of heritage significance.

This house, the barn and the remaining property deserve designation as a heritage site for the historical value related to the significance of the political activities that took place in this location.

By-law 6692/06

Schedule 'B'

Legal Description

Glen House  
1690 Whitevale Road  
Lot 19  
Concession 5