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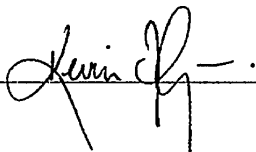
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
BY-LAW 1993-3

A by-law to designate 181 Church Street  
as a property of historical and  
contextual value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 181 Church Street is hereby designated as a property of historical and contextual 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 8th day of March, 1993.

  
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A/MAYOR

  
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A/ CLERK



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-3

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building at 181 Church Street was built in 1922 and served for forty-five years as the Oakville Fire Hall.

The building was the first built fire hall in Oakville. Prior to the erection of the structure at 181 Church Street, the Fire Department had made its headquarters in the Old Town Hall on Navy Street until it burned down in 1911. Following this catastrophe, the Department was forced to keep their equipment in a shed behind the Temperance Hall. This situation was far from satisfactory, so following the First World War in September, 1920, Oakville Town Council set aside \$15,000 for a new Fire Hall.

The Fire Hall at 181 Church Street was the centre for fire fighting in all of Oakville and the surrounding district. The building housed the brigades' pumpers, hoses and fire trucks, the offices of the Chief and the Dispatcher, and facilities for the regular and volunteer firemen. On the second storey was an apartment which was typically occupied by a fireman and his family.

The Fire Hall on Church Street was, for many years after its opening, the focal point of a yearly fireman's street dance. The Brigade was allowed to rope off Church Street between Thomas and George Streets to hold this popular event. Keeping the main fire truck out of the station and on a side street in case of emergency, game stalls were set up and a raffle was held as part of the festivities. Part of the road was sprinkled with french chalk on which people would dance to the music of the Oakville Band. The band was set up on one of the large trucks which the Oakville Basket Factory had loaned for the evening.

The Fire Hall at 181 Church Street served Oakville well for over forty years, however, by the mid-1960's, the years of wear and the increasing size of the fire trucks were placing a strain on the building's wooden floor. In response to the problem, a new central fire station was built by the Town in 1967. The old building was vacated by the firemen, and shortly after converted for commercial use.

**CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The building at 181 Church Street is of contextual significance as it is a prominent feature within the downtown area. In conjunction with the Masonic Hall and other historic buildings at the corner of Church and Thomas Streets, the old Fire Hall at 181 Church Street forms part of an historic group.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-3

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, and Province of Ontario, and being composed of the westerly half of Lot E, Block 2, Plan 1, as described in Instrument No. 627261.