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Corporation of the Town of Whitby
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Re: The James Rowe House
Part 1 of Plan 40R-19313
Front Street West
Heritage Designation, Part IV
The Ontario Heritage Act

At a meeting held on August 9, 1999, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby approved Planning Director's Report, Item 192-99, to designate the James Rowe House located on property municipally known as Front Street West, Whitby and being composed of Part 1, Plan 40R-19313, as a Heritage Structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Town Council has instructed that staff draft the necessary by-law, together with the reasons for designation for Council's approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Designate which will appear in the November 24th, 1999 issue of Whitby This Week.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Mr. John Taylor, Secretary of L.A.C.A.C. at 430-4306 extension 2275.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18
AND THE MATTER OF
LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS
PART 1 OF PLAN 40R-19313, TOWN OF WHITBY
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, including the lands and building at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

**The James Rowe House
Part 1 of Plan 40R-19313
Front Street West
Whitby, Ontario**

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Historical

James Rowe was born on October 20th, 1799 near Montreath in Queen's County, Ireland. He came to Canada in 1824 and settled at Shoal Point, on lake Ontario west of the Whitby-Pickering Town line. James Rowe was the Town's first mayor and one of the major political figures in the establishment of the Town of Whitby and the County of Ontario (now Durham Region). James Rowe was one of the major builders of early Whitby and his involvement in the grain business is significant as the grain trade was the reason for the establishment of a harbour at Whitby and for the town's early development. James Rowe called his home "Maple Grove," and it was known by that name until about the turn of the century. It remained in the hands of the Rowe family for 29 years.

Architectural

Maple Grove is a frame two storey house. The original finish survives to a large extent on the exterior and comprises wood clap-board. Internally the original plan of the older section of the house is still readily discernible although the room uses suggested are conjectural. The layout is basically a centre hall plan. Maple Grove is one of the finest surviving examples of the early building of Port Whitby. It retains a considerable complement of its original detail and its plan has not been changed radically. With further careful attention in renovations, more of the historic and architectural character of the building can be restored.

Any person may, before December 24, 1999 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Whitby this 24th day of November, 1999.

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