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TOWN OF AJAX

in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

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December 19, 1991

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sir:

*not att'd. 6-1-92
will fax copy*

RE: Designation of Property - Ontario Heritage Act

Attached please find a copy of By-law #165-91 which designates the property known as the Ajax Steam Plant 170 Mills Road as being of Architectural and/or Historical significance. The By-law received three readings on December 16, 1991 and notices are being sent to you pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

A copy of the By-law will be also served upon the owner and published in the local newspaper.

Yours truly,

J.W. Tiernay, C.M.O., C.M.C.,
Deputy Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAXBY-LAW NUMBER 165-91

A By-law to designate the exterior only of the property known municipally as 170 Mills Road as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 28 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of Architectural or Historical value or interest and,

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 170 Mills Road West and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation a Notice of Intention to so designate the exterior only of 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 four consecutive weeks and,

WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality and,

WHEREAS the Council has considered the report of the local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:


1. There is designated as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest the exterior only of the real property known as the Ajax Steam Plant at 170 Mills Road, Ajax, more particularly described in Schedule "A". The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the property land registry office.
3. 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this sixteenth day of December, 1991.

READ a second time this sixteenth day of December, 1991.

READ a third time and finally passed this sixteenth day of December, 1991.


Mayor


Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 165-91

Part of Lot 3, Plan M-30, Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham, now designated as Part 1 on Plan 40R-4883 and Part 2 on Plan 40R-4882.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 165-91REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The building housing the Ajax Energy Corporation is one of the last operating features of the Defence Industries Limited (DIL). This utilitarian industrial plant was built in 1941 for the specific purpose of steam energy production. The steam energy produced was used for heat and power for the munitions plant, the community buildings and the workers' homes and dormitories. During the DIL years, the steam energy was transported to the plants, homes, and other buildings through a system of above-ground pipes. Remnants of this system can still be seen exiting the steam plant. The steam plant operated as public from 1955-1982.

This asymmetrical industrial building was constructed of concrete blocks on a poured concrete foundation with a concrete deck roof. The building is painted and 2 storeys high with the mechanical section having 3 storeys. In the 3 storey section, there is a brick course and pilasters separating the bays. The window sills of cast stone with a drip edge, provide the only decorative touch. The multi-paned metal windows are original and they are in the hopper style with a central hinge to facilitate opening. On the first floor, the windows are 6/3 and the second floor windows are 15 panes with a 6 light hopper opening. The original doors and hardware remain with the doors of tongue and groove painted wood. The tongue and groove pattern differs from the exterior to the interior. On the exterior, the tongue and groove is in a vertical in fashion, however, the interior shows diagonal tongue and groove. These doors are all similar in fashion despite their different functions. The stack for the plant is poured concrete with remnants of the forming used, giving it a sheathed appearance. The original drum holding tank for water is still present. The coal hopper opening has been bricked closed but is still visible.