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October 24, 2016

Via Registered Mail

Ms. Erin Semande
Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Ms. Semande,

**RE: Notice of Passing of By-law to Designate a Property to be of Cultural
Heritage Value or Interest
"The Parteger House" 220 Old Yonge Street
Part Lot 85, Concession 1 East of Yonge Street Aurora (WS) Part 1,
65R16223 except Parts 1 & 2 65R22979;
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York**

Please find a copy of By-law 5905-16 which includes a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and a description of the heritage attributes of the above-noted property.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Lyons
Town Clerk

c. Jeff Healey, Heritage Planning

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5905-16

BEING A BY-LAW to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (The Parteger House – 220 Old Yonge Street).

WHEREAS subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS on August 9, 2016, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the "Town") approved the recommendations of its Heritage Advisory Committee to designate the property municipally known as 220 Old Yonge Street, Aurora (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Town Clerk caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS there were no objections to the proposed designation of the Property served on the Town;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to enact a by-law to designate the Property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;


NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Property described on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law be and is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. THAT a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out on Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
3. THAT the Town Clerk shall serve a copy of this By-law on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. THAT the Town Solicitor shall register against the Property in the proper Land Registry Office, a copy of this By-law including an Affidavit of the Town Clerk respecting the giving of notice referenced herein to be attached to and forming part of this By-law.
5. THAT this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passage hereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER 2016.

Approved as to Form
By Legal Services

Signature: 
Date: Oct 6/2016


GEOFFREY DAWE, MAYOR


LISA LYONS, TOWN CLERK

Schedule "A"

Description of Property

All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York, municipally known as 220 Old Yonge Street, and being composed of Part Lot 85, Concession 1 East of Yonge Street Aurora (WS) Part 1, 65R16223 except Parts 1 & 2 65R22979, including The Parteger House and all other buildings and structures thereon.

Schedule "B"

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the property derives from its architectural, historical and contextual values. The Parteger House has cultural heritage value as it is representative of the region's historical farming community and its regional importance to emergency operations of Metropolitan Toronto during the Cold War.

Physical Design Value

Built circa 1875, The Parteger House is a unique example of mid-19th Century rural architecture in Aurora. The original farmhouse is a two (2) storey brick structure with a side gable roof, which is a good example of Ontario House architecture. In the 1930's, the farmhouse expanded by adding a matching second side gable roof, connected to the original farmhouse with a cross-gable join. At this time, a causeway and garage was also constructed at the rear of the 1930's rear addition to create the current Ell-Shaped design of the home.

Upon purchase of the property by Metro Toronto in 1962, the house and basement were strengthened and a 10.6 x 18.3 metre concrete bunker was added on the south side of the main building. Above ground, a main entranceway to the bunker was added onto the south elevation, an emergency escape port was constructed at the centre point of the bunker. The bunker and the existing basement contains relics from the cold war including emergency water tanks, an illuminated map of Metro Toronto evacuation routes and telecommunication lines.

Historical /Associative Value:

The Parteger House is historically associated with the Parteger and Cosford families, who farmed the property and surrounding lands in Whitchurch and King Townships.

In 1962, during the height of the Cold War, Metropolitan Toronto purchased the house and 1.4 acre site to use as a bunker and readiness centre in the case of a nuclear attack on Toronto. The bunker itself was not designed to survive a nuclear blast, but was equipped with maps and information on food and water supplies, police and fire stations, and a board for keeping track of casualties. It was used for this purpose until 1976, thereafter being used as a training centre by the Toronto Emergency Task Force. The property continued to serve as a training centre until the early 1990's.

Contextual Value:

The Parteger House is located on the east side of Old Yonge Street, which served as a route for early travelers as the surveyed route for Yonge Street to the west went through swampy ground. Although setback behind new residential development on Old Yonge Street, the farmhouse can be viewed prominently from Old Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad.

The Parteger House along with the Red House and Willow Farm are all that is left of "Cosford's Corners", centred on Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad. Cosfords Corners was a land parcel owned by Thomas Cosford, which included homes of prosperous farmers, small dwellings, a sawmill, a blacksmith and a carriage shop. The bunker itself serves as a reminder of the centre's regional importance during the Cold War.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Reasons for designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof; including all facades, entrances, window openings, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood and brick, their related building techniques and landscape features.

Exterior Elements

- Overall two (2) storey Ontario House structure and Ell Shape Design;
- Two (2) gable roofs and cross gable join;
- Brick Exterior Walls;
- All original window openings;
- Pediment dormers;
- 6/9 sash windows;
- Bunker entranceway; and
- Emergency exit structure located above the bunker.

Interior Elements

- Underground bunker and associated entranceways;
- Three-pane illuminated map of Metro Toronto;
- Emergency Water Tank; and
- Bell Telephone Sign.