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# TOWN OF AJAX

In the Regional Municipality of Durham.

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November 18, 1997

The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Attention: Pamela Craig  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

Dear Ms. Craig:

Re: Designation By-law 127-97 - 103 Old Kingston Road West, Ajax.

Please find enclosed a copy of Town of Ajax By-law 127-97 which has designated 103 Old Kingston Road West, Ajax, as being of local architectural and historical value and interest.

This By-law will be registered on the title of the subject property.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

M. de Rond  
Clerk

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c.c. Wico Investments Ltd. (Attn: Dr. Warren Cohen)  
R. Martindale, LACAC Chair  
D. Forget, LACAC Secretary

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER 127-97

A By-law to designate the property known municipally as 103 Old Kingston Road as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, 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;

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 103 Old Kingston Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation a Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

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

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the report of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee of the Town of Ajax;

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 real property known as 103 Old Kingston Road, 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a first and second time  
this Seventeenth day of  
November, 1997.

READ a third time and finally  
passed this Seventeenth day of  
November, 1997.

  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 127-97

103 Old Kingston Road, - Part Lot 9 and 10, Plan 11, being Parts 3 and 4, Plan 40R-3473, Town of Ajax, Region of Durham, Province of Ontario.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 127-97

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The "Gordon House", situated in the heart of Pickering Village, was built in 1881 and is an excellent example of a small hotel from that era.

It is a detached structure with five bays on the front elevation. The foundation is constructed of fieldstone. The exterior wall material is red brick, with buff accents.

The street facade demonstrates skilled craftsmanship in its highly decorative brick work. Bricks are laid in a saw-tooth pattern in panels below the ground floor windows and again in a band which runs the length of the front facade at the upper level of the ground and second storey windows. The semi-circular transoms over the second storey windows are filled with yet more highly decorative brick work, based on a central diamond shape.

Voussoirs on the sides and the rear of the building are flat-headed, red brick with splayed ends.

The pane arrangement is two-over-two, with two sashes and double-hung throughout. The ground floor front facade window is a cross between segmental and semi-elliptical. The one large window on the ground floor has a transom divided into three lights and the trim is somewhat gothic. All windows have wooden lug sills.

Interior features are the front vestibule, the main staircase and the two-tone hardwood floors. The vestibule of the main entrance displays decorative wood mouldings, glazed side lights with wood panels below and an arched multi-light, glazed transom. The main staircase is Victorian in character, with decorative mouldings, a massive newel post and graceful wainscotting on the staircase wall. Most striking is the alternating dark and light coloured wood in the hardwood floor, forming a striped effect.