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The Benjamin Willis House
80 George Street



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5078-08.R

BEING A BY-LAW to designate a certain property as being of Historical and/or Architectural Value or Interest "The Benjamin Willis House", 80 George Street.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S. O. 1990, Chapter o.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact By-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

80 George Street
Aurora, ON

and up on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the Benjamin Willis House, and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Banner, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law;

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

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

The Benjamin Willis House
80 George Street
Town of Aurora
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis M. Morris".

PHYLLIS M. MORRIS, MAYOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Panizza".

B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 5078.08.R**

In the Town of Aurora in the Regional Municipality of York, property description as follows:

Benjamin Willis House
80 George Street
Part Lot 42 and 43 Plan 30
Part Lot 43, Plan 30 as in R350164
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York

TOWN OF AURORA

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK


LOCATION: Part Lot 42 and 43 Plan 30
Part Lot 43, Plan 30 as in R350164
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York
80 George Street
(Benjamin Willis House)

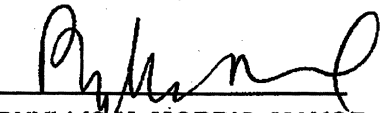
THIS IS SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 5078-08.R

PASSED THIS 16 DAY

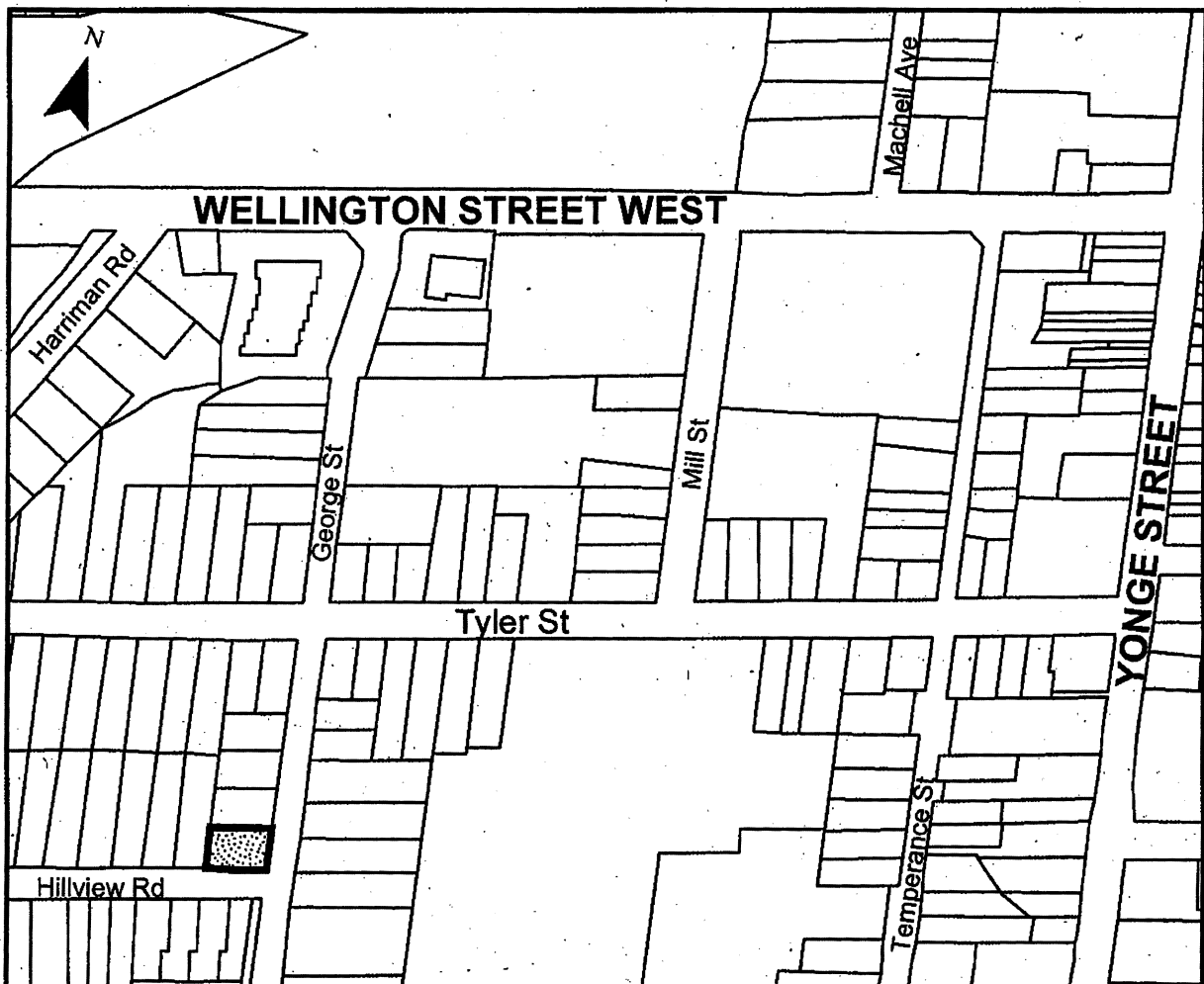
OF November, 2008.


BOB PANIZZA, CLERK


PHYLLIS M. MORRIS, MAYOR



SUBJECT LANDS



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 5078-08.R

**SCHEDULE "B" TO
BY-LAW 5078.08.R**

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Benjamin Willis House has excellent cultural heritage value. The House is a good example of a Gothic Revival Style farmhouse which was updated in the early 20th Century using the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement. The House is a good and unique example of homes built in old Aurora in the 19th Century to house workers and management in local industries like the Fleury Foundry.. The house is part of an intact streetscape of rural early 20th Century and 19th Century homes.

Historical or Associative Value

The house at 80 George Street has historical value in its association with various notable families and individuals in Aurora over its 120 years of existence including Benjamin Willis a retired farmer, Charles Thom a foreman blacksmith with the Fleury Foundry and Elizabeth Stewart .

Architectural Value

The house at 80 George Street has architectural value as a local variation of Gothic Revival Style Architecture that was adapted with the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th Century.

Contextual Value

80 George Street has contextual value as part of a streetscape defined by a number of historical buildings located on George Street.

Attribute to be Conserved:

- The Benjamin Willis House at 80 George Street

Exterior Elements of the Attribute to be Conserved:

- Stucco Exterior
- South and east gables
- Arts and Crafts exterior;
- Gothic Revival – L Shaped form.
- Historic window and door openings.
- Multi-paned - Wood sash windows and window trim and storm sash;

Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 5078.08.R

By-law Number 5078.08.R the following purpose and effect:

To designate the property at 80 George Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.