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Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operations Branch
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Att: Mr. Sean Fraser, Manager, Acquisitions and Conservation Services

Dear: Mr. Fraser

**RE: Notice of Passing of By-law to Designate a Property to be of Cultural
Heritage Value or Interest
"The Richardson House"
14985 Leslie Street
Part Lot 19, Concession 3
Whitchurch as is B25085B
Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York**

Please find a copy of By-law 5268-10 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,



John D. Leach
Director, Customer and Legislative Services

c. Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

By-law Number 5268-10

**BEING A BY-LAW to designate a
property to be of cultural heritage
value or interest (The Richardson
House - 14985 Leslie Street)**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 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 June 8, 2010, The Corporation of the Town of Aurora approved the recommendations of its Heritage Advisory Committee to designate the property municipally known as 14985 Leslie Street, Aurora (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Town Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora 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 Corporation of the Town of Aurora;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora 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 of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora 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 of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora 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.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.

*Approved as to Form
By Legal Services*
Signature: [Signature]
Date: Aug. 5, 2010

[Signature]
PHYLLIS M. MORRIS, MAYOR

[Signature]
JOHN D. LEACH, TOWN CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
BY-LAW 5268-10

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 14985 Leslie Street, and being composed of Part Lot 19, Concession 3, Whitchurch as in B25085B (PIN 03642-0069) including the Richardson House and all other buildings and structures thereon.

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW 5268-10

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Richardson House, located at 14985 Leslie Street in the Town of Aurora (the "Richardson House") has cultural heritage value as it is representative of the region's historical farming community. The building and surrounding landscape help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario.

Historical Value

The Richardson House and its surrounding landscape help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario. The house is associated with the Graham and Richardson Families, prominent farming families in rural Aurora (Whitchurch Township).

Design or Physical Value

The Richardson House was built c.1835. It is a two and a half (2½) storey wood frame. Its design and physical value derive from its architectural style, materials and construction, all characteristic of the pre-Confederation rural houses built in York Region. The house displays a high degree of craftsmanship and contains features that are representative of the Georgian style.

Contextual Value

The Richardson House is located in rural Aurora in the vicinity of the Oak Ridges Moraine. It is a significant and unique contributor to rural Aurora and the region's historical farming community. The house and its surrounding landscape are representative of Aurora's farming community and help maintain and define the character of rural Southern Ontario.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Important to the preservation of the Richardson House are the original key attributes that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- overall two and a half (2 ½) storey Georgian Style with Regency influence;
- raised stone foundation;
- two (2) storey veranda, with wood deck, wood railing, brackets, post and roof;
- gable roof and returned eaves;
- 3-bay façade;
- original window and door openings;
- historic 6 over 6 (6/6) and 12 over 8 (12/8) wood windows;
- door surround;
- horizontal wood siding;
- gingerbread trim; and
- paired internal chimneys.

Interior Elements

- historic staircase and doors leading to it;
- two (2) original 1830s locks on the exterior doors;
- interior windows casement and surround;
- interior doors surround; and
- interior wood paneling.

Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law 5268-10

By-law Number 5268-10 to designate the property municipally known as 14985 Leslie Street, Aurora, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.