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Corporate Services Commission

May 3, 2005

Brian Varner
Manager, Real Property
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

Dear Brian Varner:

Re: By-law 2005-78- To designate certain properties as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest (Box Grove School House - 7651 9th Line)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on March 29, 2005, passed By-law 2005-78, which designated "Box Grove School House", 7651 9th Line, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

for
Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encl.

cc: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

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BY-LAW 2005-78

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
Box Grove School House

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate Box Grove School House, 7651 9th Line and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designations are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real properties, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

Box Grove School House
7651 9th Line
Town of Markham
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 properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2005-78

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions
as follows:

Pt Lot 5 Con 9 Markham

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2005-78

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Schoolhouse, located at 7651 9th Line, is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The first recorded schoolhouse serving School Section No. 18 was believed to have been a frame building located on the northwest corner of what is now 9th Line and 14th Avenue. Presumably because the building could not accommodate the increasing number of students from the prosperous hamlet, originally known as Sparta, it was decided in the 1870s to build a new, brick schoolhouse on the east side of 9th Line, south of the village centre.

According to local records, a local mason by the name of Richards obtained the contract to construct the new building.

School Section No. 18 included lots one to ten, on both the east and west sides of the 9th Line. Some children from Scarborough, along the south side of Steeles, also often attended Box Grove because of the remoteness of the schools to the south of them. Mr. Fredrick K. Reesor was an early teacher at the school. He was described as a large man and a strict disciplinarian by local historians. When he was away on business, his brother Solomon Reesor also taught at the school.

Over the years, local records stat that many fine teachers served the school and the community of Box Grove. This building it is said was the place that gave the people of Box Grove their start in life for almost 90 years.

With educational reform in the 1960s, the Box Grove School House was closed. In an early effort to preserve local heritage, the building was acquired by the then Township of Markham and converted into a community centre.

Architectural Reasons

The Schoolhouse located at 7651 9th Line is a typical example of the classic one-room schoolhouse form. The rounded-arch windows on the front add a touch of Romanesque Revival and Italianate styles to an otherwise utilitarian structure. Instead of the typical separate girls and boys entrances seen on many examples of rural schools, S.S. No.18 has a central door on its front façade, which originally contained comparatively modern double doors. Also, the belfry one would expect to see on a rural school is absent, but is known from historic photographs have existed at one time. The large, upright round headed window openings on the sidewalls are still visible on the north side of the building, however on the south side they have been obscured by an addition. Decorative features include original wood windows, yellow brick voussoirs and quoins, a date stone and a decorative vent feature, visible on the front façade. Although the building has undergone some renovations to be incorporated into a community centre, the historic form and many of the historic features remain intact

Contextual Reasons

Schoolhouse #18 exhibits contextual significance for its association with the historic agricultural community surrounding the hamlet of Box Grove. The one room schoolhouse supported the educational needs of children living on the farms in this vicinity for many generations, until the advent of central schools and bussing in the 1960s.

Significant Heritage Attributes:

1. Rectangular plan;
2. Red brick walls with arched top voussoirs over openings;
3. Fieldstone foundation;
4. Date stone in front gable;
5. Front door opening for double leaf door;
6. Front and north side Romanesque/Italianate Revival window openings with multi-paned wood sash;
7. Projecting window sills;
8. Gable roof with projecting eaves, wood soffits and fascias, and bed-mould;