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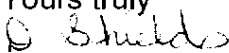
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Subject: 615 Whitevale Road – Henry Major House
City of Pickering
Designation By-law No. 7649/18
Heritage Designation, Part IV
The *Ontario Heritage Act*
File: A-3300-18

At a meeting held September 17, 2018, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering passed By-law No. 7649/18, a copy of which is enclosed, to designate property municipally known as 615 Whitevale Road, Pickering, as a Heritage Structure under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

A Notice of Passing will be advertised in the October 3rd, 2018 issue of the newspaper. A copy of the advertisement has been attached for your information.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Debbie Shields, City Clerk at 905.420.4660 ext. 2019.

Yours truly

Debbie Shields
Clerk

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Copy: Chief Administrative Officer
Director, City Development
Chief Planner
Planner II Heritage

**Heritage Designation
Notice of Passing of By-law**

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering has passed By-law #7649/18 on September 17, 2018, to designate the "Henry Major House" legally described as Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 4, being Part 2, 40R-29399 and municipally known as 615 Whitevale Road, as being a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

For further information or a copy of this by-law, please contact Debbie Shields, City Clerk at 905.420. 4660, ext. 2019 or by email at dshields@pickering.ca

DATED at the City of Pickering this 3rd day of October, 2018

The Corporation of the City of Pickering

By-law No. 7649/18

Being a by-law to designate a property legally described as Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 4, being Part 2, 40R-29399 (the "Henry Major House") and municipally known as 615 Whitevale Road, City of Pickering, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

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 buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

Whereas on September 21, 2015, Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering endorsed the recommendations of its Heritage Advisory Committee to designate the Henry Major House, municipally known as 615 Whitevale Road, Pickering (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

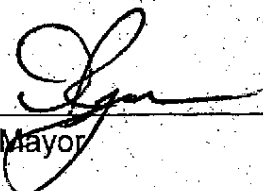
Whereas the City Clerk caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

Whereas no notice objecting to the proposed designation of the Property was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

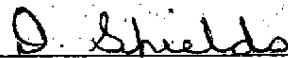
Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering enacts as follows:

1. That the Property is 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 A attached hereto.
3. That the City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. That the City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the Property in the proper Land Registry Office.

By-law passed this 17th day of September, 2018.



David Ryan, Mayor



Debbie Shields, City Clerk

Schedule A to By-law No. 7649/18

Statement of Significance

Description of Property

The property known municipally as 615 Whitevale Road, also known as the Henry Major House, located on the south side of Whitevale Road east of the Hamlet of Whitevale is located within the Whitevale Heritage Conservation District, which is designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and is shown on the Location Map provided as Exhibit 1.

Statement of Cultural Value or Interest

The Henry Major House has design and physical value because it is a rare and representative example of the Georgian Classical style. The 1840s one-and-a-half storey timber-frame main house includes a low-slung, five-bay form, a wide central doorcase, symmetrically arranged openings and Classical detailing. Although it is one of five examples of five-bay Georgian houses in Whitevale, its timber-frame construction is rare in this style in this area. The stone kitchen tail, with its randomly coursed granite fieldstone walls, roughly squared stone quoining and 12/8 windows provides a rare example of 1830s materials and construction methods.

The property has historical and associative value because it is associated with the early settlement of the area and the development of local agriculture. The house was constructed for local farmer Henry Major in the 1830s and was occupied by his family and direct descendants for more than 125 years. Henry's father John Major built the first sawmill in Whitevale and is credited with initiating settlement of the area.

The property has contextual value because of its location at the eastern entrance to the Hamlet of Whitevale, and its Georgian Classical style typical of the 1830s and 1840s. The Henry Major House is important in defining and maintaining the character of the Whitevale Road Corridor and the Whitevale Heritage Conservation District. Further, the Henry Major House is visually and historically linked to the surrounding agricultural fields, some of which were part of the Major's farm for more than 125 years. The house is historically linked to the Hamlet of Whitevale and to the nearby Whitevale Cemetery (which was donated by Henry Major).

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Henry Major House include the one-and-a-half storey, timber frame house, and its stone kitchen tail.

Key elements of the timber frame house include:

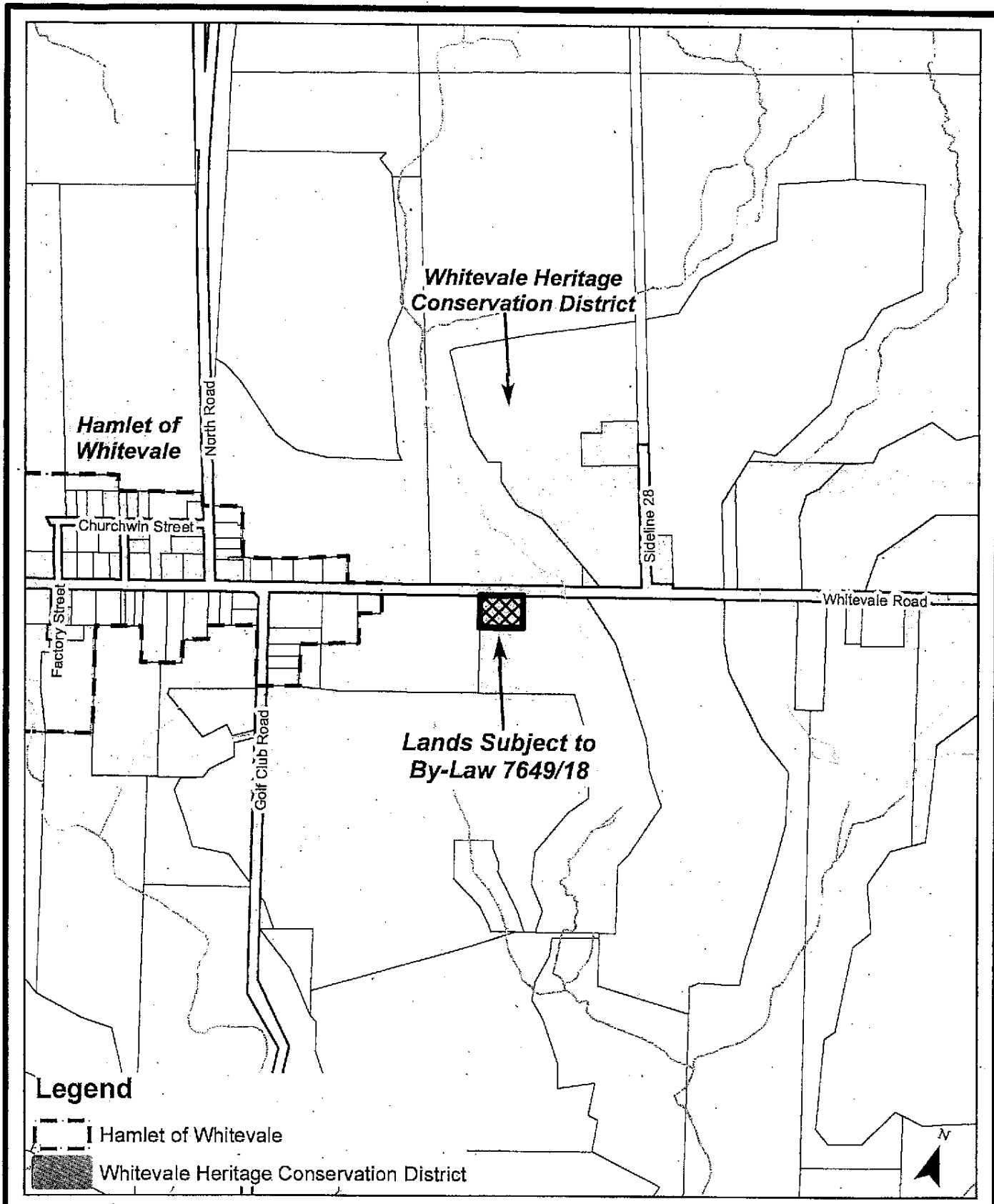
- its Georgian Classical style, including: the symmetrical, five-bay façade; the simple gable roofline with eave returns; the wide plain frieze; the pilastered corners; and the centrally placed front entrance with flat-arched opening, side lights and paneled wooden door
- its form and proportions, including the one-and-a-half storey height and centre hall plan
- the surviving 12/8 double hung window sash with louvered shutters
- its narrow, clapboard cladding
- its narrow setback and orientation towards Whitevale Road

Key elements of the stone kitchen tail include:



- its stone construction of random-coursed, granite fieldstone
- its surviving 12/8 double-hung window sash
- its form and proportions, including the gable roof

Key elements of the property as a whole include:

- the visibility and legibility of its heritage attributes from Whitevale Road



Legend

-  Hamlet of Whitevale
-  Whitevale Heritage Conservation District

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Location Map	
File: Designation By-Law	
Property Description: Part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 4, being Part 2, 40R-29399 (615 Whitevale Road)	
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