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In the Matter of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18,  
And in the Matter of the Lands and Premises  
Known Municipally as 2 Church Street, Bowmanville,  
in The Municipality of Clarington

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

OCT 05 2020

**Notice of Passing of a By-law**

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Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has passed **By-law 2020-063** designating the property located at 2 Church Street, Bowmanville, in the Municipality of Clarington, as a property of architectural and historical value under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

**Reasons for Proposed Designation**

**Description of Property**

The lands upon which the Fletcher Tree grow are located at 2 Church Street, east of the intersection of Church Street and St. George Street in Bowmanville.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Fletcher Tree holds significant historical and contextual value to Bowmanville. This magnificent Tree was planted by Squire Alexander Fletcher in the front yard of his third Bowmanville home, which is cited as one of the first brick homes in the area, and was completed in approximately 1812 with bricks made on site. At that time, Squire Fletcher planted two trees, one of which is the Fletcher Tree. The trees were planted as "his and hers" trees, thought to signify love and commitment. Squire Fletcher was one of the earliest and most influential European settlers in the establishment of the area now known as Bowmanville.

The Fletcher Tree may be the only remaining physical element of Squire Fletcher's significant contribution to the establishment of the area, as the 1812 brick house was demolished in the 1970s, and the second tree no longer exists.

The Fletcher Tree itself is a cultivated variety (cultivar) of the European Beech tree. It is commonly known as purple or copper beech, and scientifically as *Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'. The age of the Fletcher Tree combined with its cultivar make it unique in Bowmanville. The Fletcher Tree has a grand presence as it stands 30 metres (approximately 100 feet) tall with a canopy spread that is almost as wide. Its leaves are oval-shaped and glossy with wavy edges that emerge a deep purple, and gradually turn greener towards the end of the growing season.

The Fletcher Tree has stood in this spot for over 200 years, despite the ongoing changes and development around it, and continues to be in good health overall. It is a grand tree representative of the early settlement of the area that would later become Bowmanville.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key heritage attributes that exemplify the heritage value of the Fletcher Tree include:

Age: 200+ years

Height: 30 metres

Circumference: 180 centimetres (DBH)

Dated at the Municipality of Clarington this first day of October, 2020.

C. Anne Greentree, BA, CMO

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

By-law 2020-063

Being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 2 Church Street, Bowmanville, Municipality of Clarington as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, Chapter 0.18;

Whereas the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O., 1990, c.O. 18 authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact by- laws to designate properties to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the purposes of the Act; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has caused to be served upon the owner of the property known for municipal purposes at 2 Church Street, Bowmanville and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation on August 20, 2020 ; and

Whereas the reasons for the designation of the aforesaid property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* are contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law; and

Whereas the Clarington Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known for municipal purposes as 2 Church Street, Bowmanville, be designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Municipal Clerk within the period prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington hereby enacts as follows:

1. The property known for municipal purposes at 2 Church Street, Bowmanville which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by- law, is hereby designated as a property which has historic or architectural value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c., O. 18.
2. The Solicitor for the Municipality of Clarington is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the title to the property described in Schedule "B" hereto.

3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "B" hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Municipal Clerk also is authorized to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Clarington This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation.

Passed in Open Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Adrian Foster, Mayor

  
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C. Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk

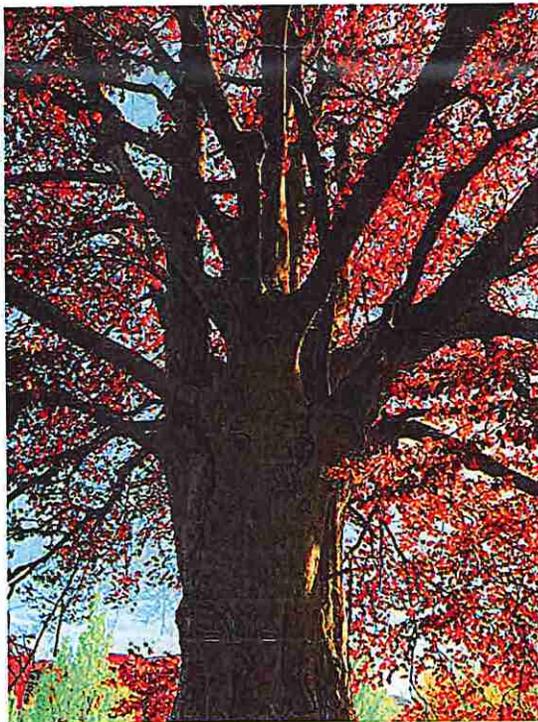
**Schedule 'A'**  
**To By-law 2020- 063**

Statement of Significance and list of character defining features.

Description of Property

The lands upon which the Fletcher Tree grow are located at 2 Church Street, east of the intersection of Church Street and St. George Street in Bowmanville. The lands are currently vacant of buildings, but were occupied once by a two-storey brick house, circa 1812, which provided backdrop for this grand Fletcher Tree.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest



Age:	200+ years
Height:	30 metres
Circumference:	180 centimeters

The Fletcher Tree holds significant historical and contextual value to Bowmanville.

This magnificent Tree was planted by Squire Alexander Fletcher in the front yard of his third Bowmanville home, which is cited as one of the first brick homes in the area, and was completed in approximately 1812 with bricks made on site. At that time, Squire Fletcher planted two trees, one of which is the Fletcher Tree. The trees were planted as "his and hers" trees, thought to signify love and commitment. Squire Fletcher was one of the earliest and most influential European settlers in the establishment of the area now known as Bowmanville. Subsequent to his

arrival in Darlington, Squire Fletcher acquired a large tract of land stretching from Division Street to Mearns Avenue on both sides of King Street, among his extensive land holdings.

Squire Alexander Fletcher served many years as a local magistrate, was involved in the War of 1812 providing storage for canons and munition at his numerous properties between Bowmanville and Kingston, and was an officer in the Durham militia. Later, Squire Fletcher became one of the first shareholders in the Port Darlington Harbour Company.

The copper beech, known as the Fletcher Tree, may be the only remaining physical element of Squire Fletcher's significant contribution to the establishment of the area, as

the 1812 brick house was demolished in the 1970s, and the second tree no longer exists.

It is noted the former house later belonged to Robert Loscombe, a prominent Bowmanville lawyer and twice Mayor of Bowmanville, at which point the house was known as the Loscombe House.

The Fletcher Tree itself is a cultivated variety (cultivar) of the European Beech tree. It is commonly known as purple or copper beech, and scientifically as *Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'. The age of the Fletcher Tree combined with its cultivar make it unique in Bowmanville. The Fletcher Tree has a grand presence as it stands 30 metres (approximately 100 feet) tall with a canopy spread that is almost as wide. Its leaves are oval-shaped and glossy with wavy edges that emerge a deep purple, and gradually turn greener towards the end of the growing season.

The Fletcher Tree has stood in this spot for over 200 years, despite the ongoing changes and development around it, and continues to be in good health overall. It is a grand tree representative of the early settlement of the area that would later become Bowmanville.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes that exemplify the heritage value of the Fletcher Tree include:

Age:	200+ years
Height:	30 metres
Circumference:	180 centimetres (DBH)

Other character defining elements include:

- The 'Purpurea' cultivar of its age, specifically selected through cultivation, the leaves of which emerge a deep purple, and gradually turn greener over the course of the growing season;
- The general size and shape of the tree, including its root system; and
- The location of the tree on the property formerly occupied by the Fletcher family in the centre of Bowmanville, and its physical and visual relationship to its surroundings.

**Schedule 'B'**  
**To By-law 2020- 063**

**Legal Description:**

Blocks A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I and Bowtown Court (As closed by Judges Order Registered as N70097);  
Plan 701 and Part Block 3, on the North Side of King St., C.G. Hanning's Plan being a Subdivision of Lot 10 Concession 1, Township of Darlington;  
Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 PLAN 10R659 Except Pts 2, 3 and 4 PLAN 10R3694, Parts 1 and 2 PLAN 40R23724 and Part 2 PLAN 40R23979;  
Subject to an Easement AS IN BO11379;  
Subject to an Easement in Gross over Part 3 PLAN 40R23724 AS IN DR455654;  
Municipality of Clarington  
Regional Municipality of Durham

PIN 26629-0945 (LT)

**Properties**

**PIN** 26629 - 0945 LT

**Description** BLOCKS A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I AND BOWTOWN COURT (AS CLOSED BY JUDGES ORDER REGISTERED AS N70097), PLAN 701 AND PART BLOCK 3, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KING ST., C.G. HANNING'S PLAN BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 10 CONCESSION 1, TOWNSHIP OF DARLINGTON, PARTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 PLAN 10R659 EXCEPT PTS 2, 3 AND 4 PLAN 10R3694, PARTS 1 AND 2 PLAN 40R23724 AND PART 2 PLAN 40R23979; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AS IN BO11379; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PART 3 PLAN 40R23724 AS IN DR455654; MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

**Address** BOWMANVILLE

**Applicant(s)**

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

**Name** THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

**Address for Service** 40 Temperance St.  
Bowmanville, Ontario  
L1C 3A6

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**Statements**

This application is based on the Municipality By-law See Schedules.

**Signed By**

Joanne Marie Barchard	40 Temperance St. Bowmanville L1C 3A6	acting for Applicant(s)	Signed	2020 09 24
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I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s).

**Submitted By**

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON - LEGAL	40 Temperance St. Bowmanville L1C 3A6	2020 09 24
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**Fees/Taxes/Payment**

<b>Statutory Registration Fee</b>	\$65.05
<b>Total Paid</b>	\$65.05

**File Number**

Applicant Client File Number : 2 CHURCH