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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

March 11, 1992
File: R01 - Heritage Preservation

REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam,

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of By-law 92-33, a by-law to designate the property known municipally as 147 Toronto Street, in the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Jo Charlebois, BA, AMCT
Deputy City Clerk

JC:lp
Encl.

cc: D. Wilson, Community Renewal Officer



Document General

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(1) Registry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Titles <input type="checkbox"/>		(2) Page 1 of 5 pages	
(3) Property Identifier(s)		Block	Property
(4) Nature of Document BY-LAW NUMBER 92-33			
(5) Consideration NIL Dollars \$			
(6) Description Block 1, extending from Toronto Street to Mary Street, Lot 2, on the West side of Mary Street and Lot 22, on the East side of Toronto Street, all according to Plan 621, City of Barrie, County of Simcoe.			
(7) This Document Contains:	(a) Redescription New Easement Plan/Sketch <input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Schedule for: Description <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Parties <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

(8) This Document provides as follows:

SEE BY-LAW ATTACHED

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(9) This Document relates to instrument number(s)

(10) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)	Signature(s)	Date of Signature Y M D
Name(s) THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE by its solicitor, Vivian L. Manning	<i>Vivian L. Manning</i> Vivian L. Manning	1992 02 17

(11) Address for Service 70 Collier St., Box 400, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4T5

(12) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)	Signature(s)	Date of Signature Y M D
Name(s)		

(13) Address for Service

(14) Municipal Address of Property Not Assigned	(15) Document Prepared by: Vivian L. Manning Burgar, Rowe 60 Collier St., Box 758, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4Y5	<table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Fees and Tax</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Registration Fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Fees and Tax		Registration Fee						Total	
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Schedule

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Additional Property Identifier(s) and/or Other Information

Bill No. 33

BY-LAW NUMBER 92-33

A by-law to designate the property known municipally as 147 Toronto Street, in the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Maple Hill at 147 Toronto Street, Barrie, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

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

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie enacts as follows:

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest as set out in Schedule "B" attached, the real property known as Maple Hill at 147 Toronto Street, Barrie, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. THAT the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A", in the proper land registry office.
3. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a first and second time the 3rd day of February A.D., 1992

February READ a third time and finally passed the 3rd day of A.D., 1992

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

I, John E. Craig, City Clerk of the City of Barrie do hereby certify under my hand and seal of the City the above to be a true and correct copy of By-law 92-33

DATED February 5, 1992.
BARRIE, ONTARIO

"J.R. LAKING"

Mayor

"JOHN E. CRAIG"

Clerk

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Schedule

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SCHEDULE "A"

Block 1, extending from Toronto Street to Mary Street,
Lot 2, on the West side of Mary Street and Lot 22, on the
East side of Toronto Street, all according to Plan 621, City
of Barrie, County of Simcoe.

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SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons For Designation

Historical:

The residence at 147 Toronto Street, known traditionally as Maple Hill, was constructed in 1868 by Charles Hammond Ross. Born in England in 1829, Ross came to Barrie at age nineteen to clerk in the general store of T.D. McConkey. He later became partner and then sole proprietor of the business until he retired in 1878 to become a private banker. In 1872 he was elected town councillor, served as deputy-reeve, and then mayor from 1887-88. In 1891 he was appointed the first police magistrate of Barrie and in that same year built the commercial Ross Block on Dunlop Street. Ross died February 14, 1912.

In 1914 Maple Hill was purchased by James Alexander MacLaren. Born in Quebec, the son of a Presbyterian minister, MacLaren's first career was a schoolteacher in Kent County. In 1893 he left teaching for a position on the staff with the Chatham Daily Banner. In June 1895 he purchased the Barrie Examiner from Andrew Hunter and remained as editor and publisher until his retirement in 1951. MacLaren was active in many community organizations but is remembered most as the dean of weekly newspaper editors. He died November 19, 1952 leaving Maple Hill to his widow Madeleine Haskins and their only son Alexander Fitzmaurice MacLaren.

Maurice MacLaren founded and was the senior partner of the firm A.F. MacLaren and Company, Chartered Accountants. Like his father, he was active throughout his life in many civic, charitable, and business organizations in Barrie. He died January 29, 1989, and bequeathed Maple Hill to the City of Barrie and the Barrie Gallery Project for use as a municipal art gallery.

Architectural:

Setting

Maple Hill was constructed above the Wellington Street ridgeline and faces south to the, at one time, unobstructed view of the town and Kempenfelt Bay. The still extensive grounds are now covered with mature trees. The immediate area surrounding the residence shows evidence of once well-cultivated gardens. The combination of natural setting and landscaping is considered to be a significant factor in the preservation of the residence.

Description:

Maple Hill was constructed in 1868 probably as a 2-storey, solid brick, I-plan residence. At some stage the I was closed to create a square and the roof reconstructed as a truncated hip with fancy iron cresting at the peak. Portions of the original framing and wood shingles embedded in mortar remain in the attic and should be preserved as historical evidence.

As the north facade reflects this and other renovations, the area below the soffit and brackets to ground level on the north only is not part of the designation. The one storey tail extension to the north is not significant. The existing porch was added about 1914 to replace a 3 sided porch with bellcast roof and is not significant. A porch of sympathetic design would be considered an appropriate renovation.



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Except as noted, the plan, form, and scale, window line and number, and south entrance and placement are part of this designation. The residence has unpainted red brick with buff brick quoins and a decorative buff brick belt course. The date of the roof dormer on the north is unknown but should be included with the wood soffit, fascia, decorative brackets, and double-stacked, decorated brick chimneys as significant features.

The entrance on the south facade consists of a 4-panel wood door with transom and sidelights of decorative stained glass incorporating a bird motif.

The windows are flat and consist of wood sash, double-hung, 2X2 with wood lugsills and buff brick voussoirs. The exterior painted wood shutters and some original iron hinges and tiebacks have survived. The one storey east and southeast bay windows were probably added about 1905 and on the southwest more recently. The second storey door on the south was originally a window.

Interior:

Maple Hill is a centre hall plan. All painted wood door and window trim, baseboards, and 4-panel doors with some original hardware, survive throughout. Some ground floor rooms have wood panelling below the windows. The ceilings are approximately 3.5 metres high and have a moulded cornice. The original approximately 15 cm tongue and groove floorboards have been covered with hardwood flooring.

The northeast room has a plaster ceiling medallion and also a plaster arch with carved leaves and panelling in the niche created by the bay window.

The ground floor southeast and southwest rooms each have one fireplace with a marble (one white and one black) mantelpiece.

The centre hall stairway is a J-plan and has a closed stairwall with flat scrolled brackets and turned handrail supports and newel.