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October 2, 2014

Mr. Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation,
10 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Re: Provincial Heritage Register – *Ontario Heritage Act*
The Bradford Town Hall
Plan 14, Lot 9, 61 Holland Street East
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe

I am writing to provide information on the heritage property designation for The Bradford Town Hall.

On August 19, 2014, Council for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury approved By-law 2014-47 designating The Bradford Town Hall to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest. The By-law was subsequently filed with the County of Simcoe Land Registrar on September 26, 2014 under file SC1163121.

Documents pertaining to the designation and registration are herewith enclosed for your records.

Kindly add this property to the Ontario Heritage Act Register at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Murphy,
Municipal Clerk

RM/lm

c. Planning & Development Services

The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

By-law 2014-74

Heritage Designation By-law The Bradford Town Hall

A by-law to designate a property as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest - The Bradford Town Hall.

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 or some of 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 Bradford West Gwillimbury has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

PLAN 14, LOT 9
61 Holland Street East
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the Bradford Town Hall at 61 Holland Street East, 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 designation 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 BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY 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:

Bradford Town Hall
61 Holland Street East
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
County of Simcoe

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.

Enacted this 19th day of August, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

Doug White, Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2014-74

In the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, property description as follows:

CON 7, S PT LOT 16, ROLL #431201000407900
PLAN 14, LOT 9
61 HOLLAND STREET EAST
TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2014-74

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Bradford Town Hall
61 Holland Street East
Circa 1860

The Bradford Town Hall is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of the property

This circa 1860 building is located on the South Half of Lot 16, Concession 7, Bradford West Gwillimbury at 61 Holland Street East, on a property presently owned by The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. A commemorative clock tower and obelisk are situated to the south of the building but they are not the subject of this designation by-law. The interior of the building is excluded from this designation by-law.

Statement of cultural heritage value (history)

The Bradford Town Hall's cultural heritage value lies in its strong association with the local community, as it has served a multitude of public roles including municipal administration offices, public school and community hall. The Town Hall was one of the few buildings in downtown Bradford that survived the fire of 1871, and for over 150 years has served generations of political decision-makers that have shaped the town's history.

Description of heritage attributes (architecture)

The two-storey building features the "classical revival" architectural style, with a symmetrical facade and simplified temple form. Building components include:

- enclosed, raised porch of eclectic design with a steeply pitched centre gable reminiscent of Gothic Revival set into a shed roof flanked by corbelled parapets at each side and plain cornice and frieze supported on brackets;
- windows are set into segmented arch openings ornamented with alternating voussoirs and 'ears' of dichromatic brick and stone or concrete lug sills;
- centre window above entrance is raised above the entrance gable and ties together the entrance projection and facade composition;

- masonry construction with brick cladding (sandblasted); random rubble stone foundation;
- windows and entrance doors are not original.

This building is being recommended for historic designation because of historical significance and architectural merit as described in the statement of cultural heritage value.

This statement is prepared by the BWG Planning & Development Services Department based upon information provided in the “Inventory of Historic Buildings in Bradford, Ontario”, written by Gillian Haley and Nancy Smith in June, 2000.