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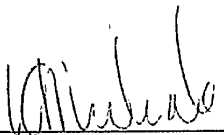
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
BY-LAW 1994-11


A by-law to designate the original portion of  
the Oakville Trafalgar High School built  
in 1909 at 291 Reynolds Street as a  
property of historical and  
architectural value  
and interest.

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The original portion of the Oakville Trafalgar High School, built in 1909 located at 291 Reynolds Street is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The original portion of the Oakville Trafalgar High School designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" as attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 11th day of January, 1994.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK



## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1994-11

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Oakville High School (known today as Oakville Trafalgar High School) first opened its doors to Oakville students in 1909. Until that time, the Oakville High School occupied rooms facing Navy Street in The Old Oakville Central School. This building was also occupied by the younger students of The Oakville Primary School. By the turn of the century, attendance to the high school had grown to such an extent that the principal, Mr. J. T. Little, urged upon the School Board the need for a new school building. The Board realized this necessity, and in the year 1908 purchased four acres of land facing on Reynolds Street. The design for the building was submitted by Chapman and McGiffin Architects in 1908, the tender of Carson and Elliot Builders of Oakville was accepted, and Mr. Little and his staff (three teachers in all) moved into the new school building in the spring of 1909. A quotation from a booklet about Oakville made in 1912 described the school as follows:

"This was a large and handsome brick edifice with every convenience that science has brought to the art of modern school buildings. The classrooms are spacious, the ceilings high, the corridors wide, and the vertelatia (air changing by automatic devices every twenty minutes) is perfect. The laboratory is admirably equipped and throughout everything for the conduction of a high grade institute of learning is provided. An ideal lecture room gives scope for debates, literary entertainments and public meetings, while two side rooms, one for each sex, give opportunity for preparation of participants."

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This assembly hall, as it was known to the students, was on the second floor with windows on the center west side of the building. Shrubs and a lawn were planted at the front of the school, while the large playground at the rear was of great value to the students.

The official opening of the Oakville High School took place in 1909. On that day, the special guest speaker was the Rev. Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, who later gained fame as president of the University of Toronto during the First World War years.

Shortly before the First World War, Principal Little retired and was replaced by Mr. W. B. Weidenhammer (name changed to Wyndham during the War). Mr. Wyndham carried on the traditions of his predecessor, and soon gained a reputation as a popular and well-respected principal. Mr. Wyndham was an extremely public-spirited man, and during the First World War, engaged the school in a number of projects in support of the Canadian Troops overseas.

As the years passed, once again quarters had become very cramped, owing to the very rapid growth of Oakville's population. The contract for a large addition to the building was awarded to Carson and Elliot of Oakville. Work commenced on July 13, 1923, and was completed by the end of January, 1924. At this time, the Principal, Mr. William B. Wyndham, was in failing health and to the regret of all of his wide circle of friends, Mr. Wyndham passed away on April 1, 1924.

As the school stood then, it contained eight classrooms, a laboratory for physics, chemistry and agriculture instruction, and a commercial room. Shop work and home economics now found a place in the curriculum with respective rooms equipped for the same. A larger Assembly Hall occupied the center rear section of the ground floor.

From the fall of 1924 until early 1947, the principal of the school was the well-respected Mr. R. H. Archibald, who was actively involved in the forming and running of the Oakville High School Cadets.

After the Second World War, the Oakville and Trafalgar High School districts were amalgamated. As a result, the school added the Township to its original name and became the Oakville Trafalgar High School.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The original three gabled section of Oakville Trafalgar High School was designed by the noted firm of Chapman and McGiffin Architects and opened in 1909. The building is a well-proportioned composition with the main street elevation featuring three prominent stepped gables and a central recessed entrance with stone trim in the "Collegiate Gothic" form.

End elevations featured a much smaller gable above a canopied student entrance. The steeply pitched roof, with its fish scale pattern, created an attractive composition. The rear elevation featured the same three gable form but was asymmetrical, with a projecting single storey element.

**SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1994-11**

Part of Park Lots T and U, Registered Plan No. 1, Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton, designated as Part 1, Plan 20R-11355, and shown on the attached Schedule "C".