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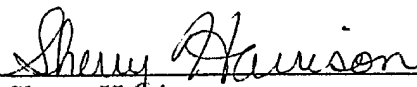
Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 1-98

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 12th day of January, 1998 passed the following resolution concerning 51 Wright Street, Richmond Hill:

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.02 and enact proposed By-law No. 1-98 to authorize the designation of the Richmond Hill High School, 51 Wright Street as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

A copy of By-law No. 1-98 is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,


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cc: D. McLarty
Director of Administrative Services



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

By-law No. 1-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
51 Wright Street, the Richmond Hill High School
under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 51 Wright Street, Richmond Hill, 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property located at 51 Wright Street, being the whole of Lot Number 10 and part of Lots Number 8, 9 and 11, according to Plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of East and West Ryding of the County of York as Number 647, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated under part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
3. That the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property in the Land Registry Office.
4. That the statements contained in Schedule "B" hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
5. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1998.



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Village of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, and being the whole of Lot Number 10 and part of Lots Numbers 8, 9 and 11, on the north side of Wright Street, in the said Village of Richmond Hill, according to Plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of east and west riding of the County of York, as Number 647, and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the southerly limit of Lot No. 9 distant ten feet two inches (10'2") westerly from the south-east angle of said Lot No. 9;

THENCE northerly parallel to the easterly limit of said Lot No. 9, one hundred and fifty feet (150');

THENCE westerly parallel with the northerly limit of Wright Street one hundred and fifty-eight feet (158') to the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8;

THENCE northerly along the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8 three hundred and twenty-four feet six and one-half inches (324' 6-1/2") to the northerly limit of said lot;

THENCE westerly along the northerly limits of Lots No. 8, 9, 10 and 11, four hundred and seventy-six feet five and one-half inches (476' 5-1/2");

THENCE southerly parallel to the easterly limit of Lot Number 11, two hundred and seventy-three feet three inches (273' 3") to Mill Street;

THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Mill Street six feet seven and one-quarter inches (6' 7-1/4");

THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of Wright Street two hundred and one feet and three and one-half inches (201' 3-1/2") to the northerly limit of Wright Street;

THENCE easterly along the northerly limit of Wright Street three hundred and twelve feet two and one-quarter inches (312' 2-1/4") to the place of beginning.

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Richmond Hill High School
51 Wright Street
1924

Richmond Hill High School is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

Richmond Hill High School is the fourth in a series of high school buildings to have been constructed in the village core of Richmond Hill. The origin of secondary level education in the community dates back to 1851, with the establishment of a grammar school in a store owned by Abraham Law on Yonge Street.

A grammar school building was erected in 1853, adjacent to the public school, on the present day site of the McConaghy Centre. This was replaced by a larger high school in 1873 as Richmond Hill's first village council's major project. The second high school burned in 1896, and was replaced by a new building at the southwest corner of Yonge and Wright Streets the following year.

Increasing enrollment and changing educational policies following World War I necessitated the building of another new high school in 1923-24. This structure forms the core of the existing building at 51 Wright Street. In 1948, the school was re-named Richmond Hill District High School and was enlarged with the first of several additions three years later. Canadian author Farley Mowat is among the graduates of this village landmark.

The architecture of Richmond Hill High School is a successful blend of the Neo-Gothic and Edwardian Classical styles. the Neo-Gothic is often locally referred to as "Collegiate Gothic" because of its widespread use for educational buildings in Ontario from 1900 to the 1940s.

The projecting centre bays, monochromatic brick walls, massive brick quoins and grouped, flat-headed, multi-paned windows belong to the Edwardian Classical style of building. Decorative limestone details provide a contrast with the smooth surface of the red-brown brick. The arrangement of door and window openings on the facade is balanced and ordered.

As an overlay to the basic Edwardian Classical form of Richmond Hill High School, details typical of the Collegiate Gothic style add decorative elements to enliven the prevailing simplicity of the composition. The Gothic trefoil niche, arrow slits, stone string course and treatment of the entrance porches are characteristic of the style.