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February 16, 1994

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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide St. East
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Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
1034 Elgin Mills Road West
The Eyer House
File NO. D12.EY

I am pleased to enclose a copy of By-law No. 17-94 designating the above mentioned property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please telephone me at 771-8800 Extension 3008 or Janet Fayle at 737-7780.

Yours truly,

Sherry Harrison

Sherry Harrison (Mrs.)
Assistant Clerks' Department

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cc: Janet Fayle

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Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
1034 Elgin Mills Road West
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On February 24, 1994 we received correspondence from Richard Mangotich of The Glen Corporation, owners of 1034 Elgin Mills Road West. They requested a grammatical change in By-law No. 17-94.

Enclosed please find a copy of the correspondence from The Glen Corporation and a copy of By-law No. 17-94 incorporating the change requested.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please telephone me at 771-8800 Extension 3008 or Janet Fayle at 737-7780.

Yours truly,

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Assistant Clerk's Department

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 17-94

A By-law to Designate the Property Known
Municipally as 1045 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, of
Historical or Architectural Value or Interest
(The Eyer House)

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 1045 Elgin Mills Road East, 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" 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 1045 Elgin Mills Road East, in the Town of Richmond Hill, being part of Lot 25, Concession 2, EYS further described as Part 1 on Plan 65R-15012, is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, as being of historic and 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 once for each of three consecutive weeks.
3. 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 "A" hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
5. Schedules "A" attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1994.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1994.


Mayor


Clerk

The house built on the property is being designated for the following historical and architectural reasons:

The house was built in 1828 by David Eyer Sr., the American-born son of John and Regina Eyer. The Pennsylvania-German Mennonite family emigrated to Markham Township from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1803.

David Eyer Sr. ¹⁸¹established a sawmill on a branch of the Rouge River on the property as early as 1825. The business operated until destroyed by fire in 1881, in later years run by a son, Abraham, who had added a foundry and agricultural implement manufactory in 1868 in partnership with his brother Jacob.

David Eyer Sr. was instrumental in the founding of the Markham and Elgin Mills Plank Road Company in 1847. He served on the first committee of management, and the Eyer sawmill supplied some of the lumber for the actual road construction in 1850.

The building is architecturally significant as Richmond Hill's earliest example of a Pennsylvania-German farmhouse. It is a substantial two-storey timber frame structure built in the Mennonite-Georgian tradition, exhibiting details of late 18th century Pennsylvania-German rural domestic architecture.

Significant exterior features include the balanced arrangement of door and window openings, beaded window architraves, front and rear doorcases with wide 6-panel door, sidelights and simple surrounds, low-pitched gable roof with return eaves, red brick gable-end chimneys, remnants of a two-storey south verandah, and side-hill siting.

Significant interior features include the centre hall layout, main stairway including simple newels with turned caps, moulded handrails and plain balusters, enclosed attic stairway with beaded plank walls, attic beam with date, six fireplaces, three remaining mantels, four-panel doors and original architraves, baseboards, and chair-rail mouldings.