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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PICKERING

BY-LAW NO. 6984/09

Being a by-law to designate the property and buildings at 3540 Westney Road, Part of Lot 10, Concession 5 and Part of the Road Allowance Between Lots 10 & 11, Concession 5, Being Part 1, Plan 40R-5638, Pickering (Greenwood Schoolhouse) as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property and buildings at 3540 Westney Road, (Greenwood Schoolhouse) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Pickering has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 3540 Westney Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'A' to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PICKERING ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The building at 3540 Westney Road, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'B' to this by-law in the property Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 3540 Westney Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Pickering as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

BY-LAW read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 21st day of September, 2009.

  
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David Ryan, Mayor

  
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Debi A. Wilcox, City Clerk



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Schedule 'A'

Reasons for Designation

Greenwood Schoolhouse  
3540 Westney Road

The Greenwood schoolhouse is probably the best preserved of the old one-room schoolhouses in Pickering. While similar in style to other buildings of its type in the province it maintains its classical proportions and fine workmanship combined with local variations and local materials. Restorations have been carried out sympathetically and it is a landmark for the community.

Historically the schoolhouse has been associated with a number of persons of note, especially "the Chief", John George Diefenbaker, the 13th Prime Minister of Canada.

Cultural Heritage Value

Several persons of further note, locally and even nationally, have been associated with this Schoolhouse: Donald Beaton, long time clerk of Pickering Township; Arthur Johnson, noted area stock breeder and importer; John Williston, newspaper editor and biographer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 7<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada; and especially John George Diefenbaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada.

The Schoolhouse on Lot 11, Concession 5 was built in 1860 during, and due to, a period of national economic prosperity fed by the Crimean War and the American Civil War. Exports of Canada products, especially wheat and lumber, were in high demand during the 1850s and 1860s, which benefited the farmers, prompting many to build homes on their properties. The economic boom also prompted the erection of many public buildings and coincided with the promotion of new functional and substantial schoolhouses for the townships under the regime of Egerton Ryerson as Superintendent of Education. This Schoolhouse and property are associated with the colonization of the area in an agricultural/rural context. Local farmers joined in the profit-sharing of the economic boom time and used part of that wealth to invest in their children's future.

Heritage Attributes:

The Schoolhouse is classical in design in accordance with the educational plans of the era as established by Superintendent of Education, Egerton Ryerson, and his deputy, J. George Hodgins. Restorations in 1980 preserved the classical design elements and fine workmanship of the original. It is an excellent example of the Victorian-era one-room schoolhouses in Ontario. It follows a standard plan with variations and using local materials. The Schoolhouse is of a local, red

pressed brick with beige brick arches over windows and doors and a beige brick, four course plinth. The bricks came from a brickyard just a few miles away in Salem. The classically proportioned wood windows are very finely detailed, of incredibly delicate muntin bars that all appear to have survived 148 years of weathering and use. The builder was R.T. Manuel, probably following some of the general schoolhouse designs provided by J. George Hodgins, Deputy Superintendent of Education. Sympathetic renovations were completed in 1980 by the firm of Lett/Smith of Peterborough.

The Schoolhouse is prominently sited on the top of a hill above the hamlet of Greenwood. It is a well-known landmark. The Schoolhouse is sited close to what was once the crossroads of the 6<sup>th</sup> Concession Road and Sideline 10. Highway 7 now by-passes the hamlet further to the north of the school, while the old road runs through the hamlet. Sideline 10 is now named Westney Road (after a prominent local farm family). The Schoolhouse maintains the character of the agricultural/rural surroundings. This building would constitute a familiar building in the community, being highly visible.

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Schedule 'B'

Legal Description

Greenwood Schoolhouse  
3540 Westney Road  
Part of Lot 10, Concession 5 and  
Part of the Road Allowance Between Lots 10 & 11,  
Concession 5, Being Part 1,  
Plan 40R-5638, Pickering (Greenwood Schoolhouse)



