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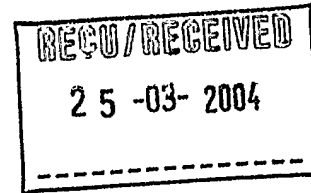
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March 23, 2004

Director of Municipal Subsidies
12th Floor
777 Bay Street, Suite 301
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2E5



Dear Sirs:

Re: By-law 2002-169 - Heritage Designation
The Locust Hill School House – 8949 Reesor Road

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on June 26, 2002, passed By-law 2002-169, which designated The Locust Hill School House - 8949 Reesor Road, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

The reason for the delay in the registration of this by-law was the requirement that a plan of subdivision must be approved for the immediate area that would establish the correct property description for the heritage property. This has now been finalized, and a copy of the by-law with the pertinent registration data is attached for your information.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning at 905-477-7000, Ext. 2080.

Sincerely,

Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encls.

c: Ontario Heritage Foundation
Ontario Realty Corporation
Mr. R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

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CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY
"Sheila Birrell" c/s
SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM



2002-169

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Locust Hill School House

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 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 Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Locust Hill School House, located at 8949 Reesor Road, Markham, 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 MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, 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:

The Locust Hill School House
8949 Reesor Road
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York
2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
26TH DAY OF JUNE, 2002.

"Sheila Birrell"

TOWN CLERK

"Frank Scarpitti"

MAYOR

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SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2002-169

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property description
as follows:

PT. LOT 13, CON. 10 MARKHAM
TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

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SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2002-169

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Locust Hill School House, S.S. #21 is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The schoolhouse located at 8949 Reesor Road was built c.1864 on the northwest corner of Lot 13, Concession 10 that had been originally granted to John Wurtz in 1802. In 1834 John Wurtz is listed as a reformer. In 1843, John granted the western ¼ of the lot (150 acres) to his son Elias Wurtz. The 1851 Census lists Elias Wurtz with his wife Mary and four children in a 1 ½ storey frame building on this property. In 1857, Elias Wurtz sold the property to William Button who later the same year, sold the western 50 acres (1/4 of the lot) to John Pike who deeded an acre of land to the school trustees in 1881.

The original public school in this area stood on the west side of Reesor Road (Tenth Line) on Lot 15, Concession 9. In 1865 the school trustees sold this original structure for \$9.00. The school section elected William Button, William Reesor and John Pike as trustees to purchase land for the new school. In 1864 the one-acre site for the school was obtained from the western part of John Pike's property. The new schoolhouse was built the same year. It was not officially granted to the trustees until Aug. 31, 1881 when it was sold for \$100.00 (part W ½ 1 acre)

Teachers at the Locust Hill School included Issac Pike (who taught at this location for one year before moving to the Bethesda school to teach for 45 years), Miss Annie Button, A. Stevenson, Joe Slater, Neil McKinnon and William Crosby. Some of the early trustees were William Jardine, David Tran, A.B. Reesor, A. Forster, William Armstrong, J. Lawrie, William Coakwell, D.B. Nighswander and F. Pike.

The school continued to be used until the 1960's when it was closed and was subsequently converted to a residence. It is presently non tenanted and is owned by The Ontario Realty Corporation, which purchased the property in the 1970's as part of the future airport lands.

Architectural Reasons

The 1864 schoolhouse was constructed of red brick with very ornate buff brick accents. The school is based on a rectangular plan facing west and set back well from the road. It was one storey high, three bays in length and three bays wide. The semi-circular windows and front entrance are surrounded by quoining which has been hidden by a coat of paint. The structure sat on a buff brick plinth and the corners of the structure had buff quoining as well. The medium pitched gable roof had returned eaves, moulded fascia, a narrow frieze and paired dentils. A date stone is located under the western gable.

The schoolhouse was altered in the 1960's when it no longer continued to function as a school.

The exterior brick was painted and the windows were significantly changed to allow for a second storey conversion for residential use.

Contextual Reasons

The Locust Hill Schoolhouse, S.S. #21, served the community of Belford and neighbouring farmsteads. The actual name "Locust Hill" did not appear until after 1884 with the advent of the railroad. It appears that in plan and siting the design of the school seems to adhere to some of the popular educational principles of the 1860's, which included removal of the school from the community and the provision of ample playgrounds with shrubs and trees. The school is part of an area within Markham, which remains agricultural, and having numerous heritage buildings in the near vicinity. Although the structure has been altered it remains an important reminder of the significance of the one-roomed schoolhouse in the rural countryside of Ontario and is a landmark of the greater community of Locust Hill.