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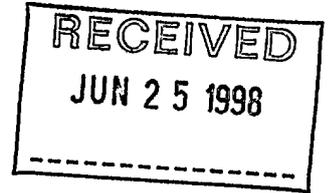
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York

May 26, 1998



Winnitex Investment Ltd.
1070 - 401 West Georgia Street
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Dear Sirs:

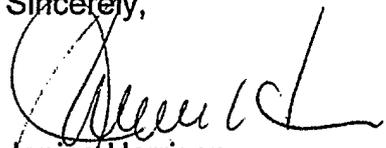
Re: By-law 14-96 - To Designate a Certain Property
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value
or Interest (The George Hunter House -
9286 Kennedy Road) File: 16.11.3

During the past few weeks, we have been reviewing a number of our old heritage files, and discovered that your file had not been totally finalized.

We now wish to advise that Council, at its meeting held February 13, 1996 passed By-law 14-96 to designate "The George Hunter House", 9286 Kennedy Road, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest. A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

You should have been informed of this immediately following the meeting of Council, and we apologize for the delay.

Sincerely,


Janice Harrison
Manager, Secretariat Services

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Encl.

c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation -
Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation

MARKHAM

BY - LAW

14-96

A by-law to designate a certain
property as being of Historic and/or
Architectural value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29, Subsection 6 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality 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 as outlined hereunder:

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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the George Hunter House, 9286 Kennedy Road, Markham and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

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, being the George Hunter House, 9286 Kennedy Road, Markham, more particularly described as outlined in Schedule 'A' attached is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.



BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK



DON COUSENS, MAYOR

BMISTEMP 535

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 14-96

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York formerly in the geographic Township of Markham in the County of York, being Part of Lot 16, Concession 5 and composed of the following:

COMMENCING at a point in the Easterly limit of the said Lot distant one hundred and forty-one feet eight inches (141' 8") measured northerly therealong from the south-east angle thereof;

THENCE Northerly along the said easterly limit two hundred and twenty-three feet five inches (223' 5") more or less, to a point therein distant one hundred feet (100') measured southerly therealong from the north-east angle thereof;

THENCE Westerly parallel to the northerly limit of the said Lot a distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet (132');

THENCE Southerly parallel to the easterly limit of the said Lot, two hundred and twenty-three feet five inches (223' 5") more or less, to a point in a line drawn parallel to the southerly limit of the said Lot from the place of beginning;

THENCE Easterly along the said last mentioned line one hundred and thirty-two feet (132') to the place of beginning.

As set out in Instrument No. 481815.

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 14-96

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The George Hunter House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, contextual and architectural significance.

Historical Reasons

The George Hunter House was constructed c. 1860 on land he purchased from Francis Schmidt in 1836 and 1838.

Prior to the construction of the house, the property was owned and occupied by the families of Marcus Rumohr, Peter Ernst, Martin Holder and Francis Schmidt (Smith), all of whom were original Berczy settlers.

In 1807 during the ownership of Martin Holder a gathering of all militia in the County of York took place as a result of rising tensions with the United States.

George Hunter was born in 1806 in Scarborough, Yorkshire, England and emigrated to Canada in 1830. It is believed that he came to Canada with his brother John Hunter who is listed as residing with George. George Hunter originally worked as an innkeeper, but once he was able to acquire property, he practised the trade of a blacksmith.

George Hunter engaged in the trade of a Blacksmith on the property and soon a village emerged around him. It was called Hunter's Corners in his honour. With the arrival of the railway and later the building of Highway 7, the economic heart of the settlement moved southward over the years and became the village of Unionville.

Architectural Reasons

The George Hunter House provides an example of a 2 Storey Vernacular home with influences of the Neo-classical style. Though the house exists on its original location, the complex form of the house indicates that it was built in a number of stages, most of which took place in the 19th century.

It is believed that the house was originally a rectangular frame house with a 3 bay facade and 6/6 windows which faced onto the present Kennedy Road. As the village declined and structures were removed, it is believed that an addition was built c.1880 to the east of the house and the main facade of the house now faced towards 16th Avenue.

Although the building has been clad in aluminium siding, it is believed that the original appearance of the building remains largely intact beneath it. This is seen in evidence at the foundation of a wooden vertical board siding and the fact that most of the original window openings and sash remain intact, as do the muntin bars in the only remaining original 6/6 window.

The basic form of the house with its hipped form and traditional window placement on the main facades contribute to the significance of the building within the surrounding area and serve as an indicator of the integrity of the architecture beneath the aluminium siding and asphalt shingle cladding. The original stone foundation is clearly visible on some walls of the house.

Contextual Reasons

The George Hunter House is of contextual significance as one of the last reminders of the former settlement of Hunters Corners. This hamlet, named for George Hunter and his brother John, was the location of the earliest settlement connected to Unionville village. Settlement in the area was begun by Philip Eckhart, one of the Berczy settlers who arrived in Markham Township in 1794. The original Eckhart log home continues to stand as Markham's oldest building, across Kennedy Road from the George Hunter House on Lot 16, Concession 6.