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*Replaces  
By-law 93-94*

REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Barrie enacted By-law 93-172 on September 13, 1993 and it was registered on September 16th, 1993 as Instrument No. 01233251. By-law 93-172 designates your property municipally known as 62 Shirley Avenue as being of architectural and historical value. By-law 93-172 repealed By-law 93-94 which indicated an incorrect legal description.

I have enclosed a copy of By-law 93-172 in accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. O.18.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

*Jo Charlebois*

Mrs. Jo Charlebois, BA, CMO  
Deputy City Clerk

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cc: D. Wilson, Planning & Development

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Additional Property Identifier(s) and/or Other Information

Bill No. 174

**BY-LAW NUMBER 93-172**

A by-law to designate the property known municipally as 62 Shirley Avenue, in the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe, as being of architectural and historical value or interest and to repeal By-law 93-94.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 62 Shirley Avenue, Barrie 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 no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie enacts as follows:

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest as set out in Schedule "B" attached, the real property known as 62 Shirley Avenue, Barrie, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

2. THAT the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-laws to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A", in the proper land registry office.

3. 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

4. THAT By-law 93-94 be and it is hereby repealed.

READ a first and second time the 13th day of September 1993.

READ a third time and finally passed this 13th day of September 1993.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

MAYOR

CLERK

Janice Laking

John Craig



# Schedule

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## SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of  
land and premises situate, lying and being composed of Lot  
28, Plan 1140, North side of Shirley Avenue, in the City  
of Barrie, County of Simcoe.



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## SCHEDULE "B"

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

62 Shirley Avenue

#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The residence at 62 Shirley Street (Lot 28 Plan 1140 North Shirley) was originally part of the west half of Lot 22, Concession 5, Vespra township. The acreage was held as an undeveloped block until May 1871 when John Crawford of Toronto sold it to Dr. Llewellyn Oliver. Oliver was a medical doctor in Barrie who by 1871 had accumulated six hundred acres including six town lots and three houses. On October 8, 1872, he married Margaret, widow of George Burton.

Immediately after Oliver purchased the block, he had it subdivided into Oliver's Plan (Plan 160). The street names Letitia and Oliver (which was changed to Shirley) appear on this plan. These were not the names of Oliver's stepchildren but it is likely that these individuals were associated in some way with him. In 1872 the town of Barrie sold Oliver "the old Sunnidale Road now over said lot."

In September of 1873, three and one half acres were sold to Robert Boyle of Barrie for \$380. The 1874 tax assessment roll for Barrie indicates that a Robert Boyle, Primitive Methodist minister, was residing in the household of Daniel McKernan on Charlotte Street (now Collier near Blake). The next available assessment roll is 1876 when Boyle is listed as resident of N. Oliver Lot 18, one half acre, five in the family, and real property valued at \$700. This suggests that the house was completed in 1875.

Little is known about the Reverend Robert Boyle apart from the information provided in an obituary of his son, Robert W. Boyle, which appears in the Barrie Examiner dated March 28, 1907, page one. Robert W., a druggist on Yonge Street in Toronto, died on March 19, 1907, aged fifty-two. Born 1855, the son of the late Reverend Robert Boyle, minister of the Elizabeth Street Methodist church, Barrie. He was educated at the Barrie Grammar School and Toronto University.

In 1896, Elizabeth Boyle, spinster, Robert Boyle, and others sold Lot 18 to Martha M. Boyle of Brampton, a widow. The exact relationship of these individuals to the Reverend Robert Boyle is not known. In 1899 Martha sold to Ellen Rayner who lived there with her husband, Alfred, until 1918. In that year the property was sold to Mary A. Payette, widow, of Barrie.

The property changed ownership frequently between 1918 and 1922 when it was sold to Frank Exell. Exell sold to Earl and Elsie Stephens in 1943 who in 1951 subdivided lot 19 and in 1953 divided

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lot 18, retaining a parcel of 100' frontage on the south limit of the lot by 150' on the east limit.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The residence at 62 Shirley Street is an L-shaped Gothic Revival structure which faces east. At some date the exterior walls were strapped and stuccoed. Consequently, evidence of the original exterior cladding has been covered, the openings have been recessed, and some of the decorative woodwork removed. As such, the existing exterior wall treatment is not considered part of the designation.

An extension at the rear is probably an enlarged original kitchen tail. Although this area has been upgraded and is larger in dimension than originally built, it retains what was likely the original form and placement of the kitchen. This area should be considered as part of the designation.

The exterior woodwork and windows still exhibit their original characteristics. These include all the 2x2 segmental wood windows with moulded trim and plain wood lugsills; the one storey bay window on the southeast facade including the remaining decoration; the second storey narrow twin windows above the southeast bay; and other windows of varying description that prove to be original.

The original bargeboard which was typical of this style is missing but could be replaced where indicated by evidence.

The location of the porch on the northeast corner as well as the existing porch posts and brackets are believed to be original.

The double-leaf doors with semi-circular panels and stained glass transom of the east doorcase are of a higher quality than would be expected in a rural setting near Barrie at that date. This exceptional quality of woodwork is also throughout the interior. This doorcase and the following interior features are considered part of this designation. Future research may reveal additional woodwork and decorative features which should be included.

- the primary and secondary moulded door and window trim used on the first and second floors
- the primary and secondary baseboards
- the wood panelled dado below the windows in the southeast and northeast rooms
- the centre hall L-plan staircase with a closed plain stairwall
- the turned newel post and paired turned balusters



## Schedule

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- 4-panel wood doors and, where it exists, the original hardware (notably the interior surface mounted rim latch on the east doorcase)
- the fireplace with a semi-circular opening and wood mantelpiece in the northeast room
- the approximately 6" tongue and groove flooring currently underneath a second level of flooring
- the pine tongue and groove ceiling in the kitchen tail and other auxiliary areas