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Ambrose Noble

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Dec. 9/83

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 307-83

REPEALED BY

BY-LAW NO. 149-88

(The Village Forge).

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

WHEREAS Section 29, subsection 6 of The Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate 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:

The Village Forge, Part of Lot 16, Concession 4 north side of Sixteenth Avenue, east side of Woodbine Avenue, Markham

Colty Corner's School Section No. 11, Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, south west intersection of Kennedy Road and Seventeenth Avenue, Markham

Ambrose Noble House, 9251 Highway 48 North, Markham

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 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 Schedules 'B', 'C', and 'D', attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS no notices of objection to the proposed designations have been served on the Clerk of the municipality with respect to The Village Forge and Colty Corner's School Section No. 11;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board at its Hearing held on April 14th, 1983 recommended that the Ambrose Noble House with a limited amount of property be designated pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real properties, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law are hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Village Forge, Part of Lot 16, Concession 4, north side of Sixteenth Avenue, east side of Woodbine Avenue, Markham

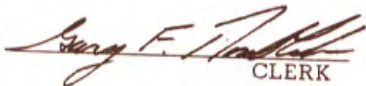
Colty Corner's School Section No. 11, Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, south west intersection of Kennedy Road and Seventeenth Avenue, Markham

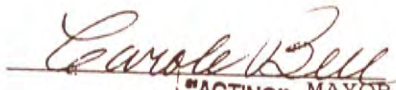
Ambrose Noble House, 9251 Highway 48 North, Markham

2. AND THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. AND THAT the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid properties and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Markham.

READ a first and second time this 22nd day of November, 1983.

READ a third time and passed this 22nd day of November, 1983.


CLERK


"ACTING" MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 307-83

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

FIRSTLY: The Village Forge, Part of Lot 16, Concession 4

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Markham in The Regional Municipality of York, (formerly in the Township of Markham, County of York), and being composed of Part of Lot 16 in the 4th Concession in the said Town and which said parcel is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the northerly limit of the allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, in the said Concession 4 in the said Town, where it is intersected by the Easterly limit of the allowance for road between Concessions 3 and 4 as widened by a Plan filed in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York Region No. 65 as No. 5427, the said Point being distant 17.23 feet measured Easterly along the Southerly limit of Lot 16 from the South Westerly Angle thereof;

THENCE Northerly along the said Easterly limit of the allowance for road between Concessions 3 and 4 as widened and being along the Easterly limit of said Plan 5427, 195 feet;

THENCE Easterly parallel to the Southerly limit of said Lot 16, 183.18 feet more or less to a point distant 200 feet measured Easterly from the Westerly limit of said Lot 16 on a line parallel to the Southerly limit of said lot;

THENCE Southerly parallel to the Westerly limit of said Lot 16, 47.50 feet to a point;

THENCE Westerly and parallel to the Northerly limit of the allowance for road between the said Lots 15 and 16, being also the Southerly limit of Lot 16, 52.50 feet more or less to an Iron Pipe Planted, which Iron Pipe is Distant 147.50 feet measured Easterly along the said parallel line from the Westerly limit of Lot 16;

THENCE Southerly parallel to the said Westerly limit of Lot 16, 147.50 feet to an Iron Pipe Planted in the said Northerly limit of the allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16;

THENCE Westerly along the said Northerly limit of the allowance for road between the said Lots 15 and 16, 130.27 feet to the Place of Beginning.

SECONDLY: Colty Corner's School Section No. 11, Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, Markham

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Markham, in The Regional Municipality of York, formerly the Township of Markham, in the County of York, being composed of part of Lot 20, Concession 5;

The boundaries of the said parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING THAT the Northerly limit of said Lot 20 has a bearing of North 74° East and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the North Easterly angle of said Lot 20,

THENCE South 74° West along the Northerly limit of said Lot 20, 147.63 feet to an Iron Bar Planted;

THENCE South 9° 25'30" East 10.07 feet to a point;

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SECONDLY (Continued)

THENCE South 74° West 213.31 feet;

THENCE South 8° 59' East 352.78 feet to an Iron Bar Planted;

THENCE North 74° East 345.73 feet more or less to a line drawn parallel to the Easterly limit of said Lot and distant 17.00 feet measured Westerly and at right angles thereto;

THENCE North 8° 59' West along the last mentioned parallel line 200.54 feet to an Iron Bar Planted in the line of a post and wire fence;

THENCE North 80° 34' East 17 feet to a point in the East limit of said Lot 20, Concession 5;

THENCE North along the East limit of said Lot 20, Concession 5, 164.28 feet more or less to the Point of Commencement.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING thereout and therefrom those portions of said Lot 20, designated as Parts 8 and 10 on a Plan of Expropriation registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of York Region No. 65 as number 10208;

SAVING AND EXCEPTING thereout and therefrom those portions of said Lot 20, designated as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on a Plan of Expropriation Registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of York Region No. 65 as number 11242;

SUBJECT TO an Easement in Favour of Ontario Hydro as described in Instrument Number 23840.

THIRDLY: Ambrose Noble House, 9251 Highway 48 North, Markham

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Town of Markham, in The Regional Municipality of York, formerly in the Town of Markham, in the County of York, being composed of Part of Lot 16, Concession 8 of the said Town.

The Boundaries of the said parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that all bearings herein are assumed astronomic and are referred to the bearing North 9°00' West of the Westerly limit of said Lot 16, Concession 8 in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications Highway Plan P-1658-29;

COMMENCING at the South Westerly Angle of said Lot 16;

THENCE North 9°00' West along the Westerly limit of said Lot 16, a distance of 83.00 feet to a point therein;

THENCE North 72°22'30" East a distance of 72.00 feet to a point therein;

THENCE South 9°00' East a distance of 83.00 feet to a point in the Southerly limit of said Lot 16;

THENCE South 72°22'30" West along the Southerly limit of said Lot 16, a distance of 72.00 feet to the Point of Commencement.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 307-83

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (The Village Forge -
Part of Lot 16, Concession 4, north side of Sixteenth
Avenue, east side of Woodbine Avenue, Markham)

Significance:

The Village Forge is a well preserved example of an Ontario farmhouse built around 1875. Its builder was Jonathan Calvert, the area's blacksmith. The house retains its Regency style verandah with decorative brackets and is situated in a prominent location on the north-east corner of Woodbine and 16th Avenue.

Architectural Description

Clad in board and batten, the Village Forge is an excellent example of an Ontario Farmhouse with Regency features. The three front bays are sheltered by a Regency style verandah. The verandah is supported by four regularly placed turned posts decorated with carved brackets.

The centrally placed front door retains its wooden storm door and a rectangular transom light. A pointed Gothic window in the central front gable is framed by shutters. The remaining windows of the main house are double hung sash with six panes over six. The medium pitched gable roof is trimmed with a frieze board.

SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 307-83

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (Colty Corner's School
Section No. 11, Part of Lot 20, Concession 5, south
west intersection of Kennedy Road and Seventeenth
Avenue, Markham)

Significance:

The former school house at the intersection of Kennedy Road and the 17th Avenue is the oldest surviving schoolhouse in the Town of Markham. It is easily visible to the travelling public. It preserves several unique architectural features which once were common to schoolhouses built in the 19th century including a bell tower, eaves returns, multi-paned windows and a Regency style front verandah.

Architectural Description

The Colty Corner's school is a rectangular brick building, one storey in height, which sits on a fieldstone foundation. Across the front of the building runs a one storey verandah with a Regency style roof, raised dentals on the frieze board and four evenly placed wooden Doric columns.

The gable roof of the main building is crowned by a frame belfry. Eaves returns and a frieze board trim the roof while the corners and base of the building are marked with several corners of raised bricks. Three double hung sash windows with six over six panes of window are regularly spaced along the south and north elevations. The plaque under the east gable reads:

Markham
School Section
No. 11
Built
A.D. 1862

The stained board and batten under the verandah, the multi-paned glass front door and the asphalt shingle roof with several vents and flues are not part of the historic structure.

SCHEDULE 'D' TO BY-LAW NUMBER 307-83

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (Ambrose Noble House,
9251 Highway 48 North, Markham)

Significance:

The Ambrose Noble House is recommended for designation for architectural reasons as a well preserved example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse. This house was built primarily adhering to the neo-classical tradition of the mid-1800's with Regency overtones appearing in the verandah. In addition to the formal stylistic characteristics the Ambrose Noble House portrays unique details that reflect its rural location and the personal idiosyncrasies of its builder.

The house was built by Ambrose Noble circa 1850. Although Noble had lived on this land since he arrived in the Township of Markham from the United States in 1816, the land was only leased from the Crown. Noble's seventy acres of land, the west 'third' of Lot 16, Concession 8, formed part of a Clergy Reserve and it was not until 1846 that he was able to purchase the land. It seems likely that Noble built the two storey brick house shortly after he received clear title to the land.

Architectural Description

The farmhouse sits on the northeast corner of Highway 48 and 16th Avenue, in close proximity to both these roads. The two storey brick house with fieldstone foundation is a basic rectangle in plan. The exterior walls are of masonry construction laid in common bond on the north and east walls and in stretcher bond on the south and west walls. The red brick is now painted an off-white.

The low pitched gable roof with three single stack chimneys is covered with asphalt shingles. The two end chimneys sit at the peak of the roof while the off-centre middle one, probably not original, sits to the rear. The roof trim is wood and consists of a plain, boxed cornice with a plain, sloped freize; the cornice returns on the gable ends.

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The windows are typical throughout the building with the exception of those of the enclosed porch at the rear of the house. The windows are rectangular in shape with a flat arch of radiating voussoirs to the top and a wood lugsill to the bottom. The sash are double-hung; a twelve pane upper sash sits over an eight pane lower sash. The second floor windows are smaller than those of the ground floor but are similar in their width to height ratio.

The main, west elevation is characterized by the one storey verandah which runs the full length of the building. Pairs of camphered wood columns support the hip roof. There are six windows symmetrically placed across this elevation, three on the ground floor and three above. The second floor windows do not centre directly on those below which alleviates the strict formal balance of this elevation. The symmetry is also broken by the two entry doors of the ground floor which are off-centre to the left between the windows. Each door is recessed in its frame. The doors are seven panelled with a moulded rail and plain panels. Flush with the outside of the wall is a storm door, three panels in the lower half and a six pane fixed sash in the upper half.

Both the south and north elevations are similar in design with four symmetrically placed windows, two on the ground floor and two on the second floor, comparable in detail to those of the west elevation. The south elevation has in addition a single door centrally located at the ground floor level and the north elevation has steps leading down to a basement entry.

The rear, east elevation contains three upper storey windows, one at each end of the wall and one off-centred to the left.

Directly below this 'centre' window is a window at the ground floor level. It appears that a verandah similar in design to that of the west elevation once ran the full length of this facade as well. The north half of this verandah has been enclosed and the wood flooring has been replaced by a concrete pad.

SCHEDULE 'D' TO BY-LAW 307-83 (Continued)

Fortunately this building has undergone very little alteration and has survived as a good example of a mid-nineteenth century building. It is characterized by the neo-classical principles of balance and symmetry softened by the design elements added by the builder.