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Development Services Commission

November 6, 2018

Lucy Lu
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
M5C 1J3

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Lucy,

I am providing the following designation by-law documents as per your request:

- Bylaw 3-95 David Break House-95 Russell Jarvis Drive
- Bylaw 48-97 John Smith House -50 Peter Street
- Bylaw 66-94 John Welsh House- John Street
- Bylaw 77-89 Sinclair Holden Hagerman House- 3990 14th Avenue

If you require further assistance, please contact the undersigned at (905) 477-7000, extension 2585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne Wu'.

Leanne Wu
Administrative Assistant, Policy & Research, Heritage

Development Services Commission

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 66-94

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:

148424 Canada Inc.
C/O Bimcor Inc.,
Enterprise Property Group
480 University Avenue
Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1V2

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The John Welsh House, 'Thornlea', (Burton House Restaurant) 288 John Street, Thornhill 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 John Welsh House, 'Thornlea' municipally known as 288 John Street, Thornhill, 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 THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 1994.


CHRISTINE PALMER,
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

BMIS 4237/2/3/4


FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION OF LAND
THE JOHN WELSH HOUSE
288 JOHN STREET
THORNHILL, ONTARIO

Part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Registered Plan 2382 further described as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan of Survey 64R-8365 in the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York.

SCHEDULE 'B'

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The John Welsh House, known as 'Thornlea', is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its architectural and historical significance.

Architectural Reasons

The residence known originally as 'Thornlea', was constructed circa 1855 on a 125-acre parcel of land in Lot 5, Concession 2 of Markham Township. Set on a fieldstone foundation, the structure was originally rectangular in plan with a one-storey kitchen addition to the rear. The roof is a low pitch gable trimmed by a plain boxed cornice, a narrow moulded frieze and returned eaves. A much larger, trapezoidal-shaped addition has since replaced the former kitchen tail, resulting in an irregular plan.

The John Welsh House is five bays wide by two deep and clad in red brick laid in Flemish bond on the front or south facade and in common bond on the other elevations. Buff brick detailing accentuates the structure's balanced symmetry and includes quoining, radiating voussoirs, a four-course plinth and a four-course belt below the second storey windows.

The original windows were segmental double hung sash with 6/6 pane division but have recently been replaced by modern units with a 12-pane appearance. Shutter hooks provided evidence of the existence of shutters which had been lost over time. Contemporary, fixed louvre shutters, of compatible size and shape have recently been installed.

The original entrance was rectangular and centrally located on the south facade. The single leaf Cross-and-Bible door was surrounded by a 24-pane transom and partial 18-pane sidelights with moulded wooden panels below. Flat pilasters with moulded capitals and carved brackets supported a plain projecting pediment.

An enclosed vestibule has recently been added at the entrance and reflects many of details of the original entrance. A single pane transom and partial sidelights with moulded wood panels below surround the door which is panelled below and glazed above. The original pilasters with moulded capitals and carved brackets as well as the plain, projecting pediment have been installed on exterior of the vestibule.

Historical Reasons

John Welsh, a native of Dundee, Scotland emigrated to Canada with his wife and five children in 1847. In 1848, he bought 125 acres in Lot 5, Concession 2 where his family first occupied a log cabin until 'Thornlea' was constructed. In 1876, John granted the property to his son William who retained ownership until 1915.

In 1933, Charles Luther Burton purchased the property as a summer home. Mr. Burton had worked for the Robert Simpson Company since 1912 and he and his two sons Edgar Gordon and G. Allan held a variety of senior management positions within the national department store chain over a course of some 60 years.

In 1952, Charles and his wife sold the summer residence to their daughter Dorothy Graham who retained ownership until 1973. As a result of the Burton family's long history of ownership as well as their high profile affiliation with the Robert Simpson Company, the house had become known locally as the Burton House. When the residence was converted into a restaurant, this tradition was continued by naming the restaurant, the Burton House. The name 'Thornlea' still persists as well through several local businesses as well as the Thornlea Secondary School.