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January 23, 2020

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**Subject: Adoption of By-law No. 003-20, Designation under Part IV of the
Ontario Heritage Act - 3851 4th Line, Innisfil, ON.**

Please find enclosed a copy of By-law No. 003-20 adopted by the Council for the Town of Innisfil on January 15, 2020 providing for the designation of 3851 4th Line in the Town of Innisfil under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for your records.

If you require anything further, please do hesitate to contact me at kjacob@innisfil.ca or 705-436-3740, ext. 2414.

Yours truly,

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL

BY-LAW NO. 003-20

A By-law of The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil to designate a certain property as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest, being Part Lot 4, Concession 3, being Parts 1 to 3 on Plan 51R-13234, S/T IN33170 known municipally as 3851 4th Line, Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate real property including the buildings and structures thereon to be of historic, architectural, cultural heritage and value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil has been requested to designate the land and building at 3851 4th Line, Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe as historic; and

WHEREAS notice of intention to designate 3851 4th Line has been served on the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice of intention has been publicized in a newspaper 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 Innisfil 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:

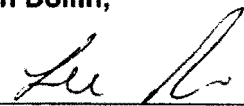
**Part Lot 4, Concession 3, being
Parts 1 to 3 on Plan 51R-13234
S/T IN33170
Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe**

2. That the Town is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property designated in Schedule "A", attached hereto in the Property Land Registry Office.

PASSED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.



Lynn Dollin, Mayor



Lee Parkin, Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW 003-20

In the Town of Innisfil, in the County of Simcoe, property described as follows:

P.I.N.	58060-0014 (LT). Part Lot 4, Concession 3, being Parts 1 to 3 on Plan 51R-13234 S/T IN33170 Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe
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SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 003-20

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Sloan-Dougherty-Shortt Property is a fine example of an original clapboard frame house (circa 1850) that was later updated as a modest 1 ½ story brick-veneered Victorian farmhouse (circa 1875) that was once a familiar site throughout rural Innisfil.

The present building is supported on the original fieldstone foundation with 12" by 12" hand hewn pine sills. The main floor joists are 3" by 10" vertical sawn white pine, running North/South and supported in the middle by a 12" by 12" hewn main beam of white pine. Original flooring is tongue and groove white pine. The property, once used as a place of worship by settlers from the nearby hamlet of Bethesda and surrounding area, remains structurally solid and provides a well-maintained example of the architecture of Innisfil's pioneer families.

Description of Property

The house is a 1 ½ story brick veneer farm house with a wing added to the south at a later date. The property has a simple 3 bay front with centre gable and regency-inspired front door-case with transom and sidelights.

The brick work is generally well executed and in good condition and selectively painted in white with tooled mortar joints.

The original 2 over 2 window sash have been replaced with modern windows and removable muntin bars. The segmented window heads have been accented with white paint. The front door and frame are replacements and were originally protected with a small portico.

Except for window sash and the front door case, the exterior remains in the original state. The present owners are very much interested in restoring the window sash and door case and are hopeful that the house can be historically designated.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Historical / Associative Value

The history of the property reflects a practice common to much of the land in the 1800's. Blocks of surveyed land were granted to the Canada Company which were later subdivided and/or sold to the early settlers and families that populated the villages and townships of Simcoe County.

The farmhouse is located in a rural area surrounding the early settlement of Bethesda to the east. Bethesda, meaning 'God in the Place', located around the intersection of the 5th side road and 4th line was named after a pool in Biblical Jerusalem which was thought to possess miraculous healing properties (John 5: 2-4).

The early settlers of Bethesda met for worship in the home of William Lennox, later in the homes of Thomas Black, George Wonch and William Ross. The Bethesda appointment for many years was known as "Hindles" because of services being held in the first log school house on the farm of James Hindle.....The first log school was built where the new super-highway crosses the fourth concession line, later, ground for a new log school was donated by James Hindle, where the present school now stands. Services were held in this school until about the year 1868 when William Black donated the land for a church and cemetery and a frame church then built where the present church now stands.

The history of this property goes back to 1833 with the first granting of the land. Prior to William Ross purchasing the land in 1860 the property was owned by George and Henry Sloan. Henry Sloan was a prominent businessman in Churchill in the mid to late 1800's and postmaster in Churchill from 1858 to 1881.

Contextual Value

The Sloan-Dougherty/Shortt Farm is a good example of a typical farmhouse in rural Innisfil. Beginning as a frame structure in c. 1850 the farmhouse was later updated with a brick veneer in a modest Victorian style. The original structure remains architecturally solid and provides a good example of the architecture of Innisfil settlers.

SCHEDULE "C"
TO BY-LAW 003-20

EXTERIOR ATTRIBUTES



Front elevation



Side elevation



Front door

INTERIOR ATTRIBUTES



Wide Plank Pine Flooring



6 over 6 Windows



Base Boards



Deep Sills and Window Trim

INTERIOR FEATURES



Original Four Panel Door



Hand Hewn Support Beams



True 2" Floor Joists