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Ontario Heritage Trust
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Attention: Erin Semande

Dear Ms. Semande:

**RE: Notice of Designation (By-law 2020-38)
Fishers Corner Schoolhouse
North Part of Lot 5, Concession 8, municipally known as 3769 Line 9,
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

Please take notice that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has passed By-law 2020-38 to designate 3769 Line 9, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, as being of cultural heritage value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

This property was officially designated by Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council on the 5th day of May, 2020

Attached please find a copy of By-law 2020-38.

We trust the above is satisfactory. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Dysart', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas Dysart
Planner

Attachment 1: By-law 2020-38

The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

By-law 2020-38

Being a By-law to designate a property as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest 3769 Line 9.

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all or some of 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 Bradford West Gwillimbury has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

North Part of Lot 5, Concession 8
3769 Line 9
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property municipally known as 3769 Line 9, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once 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;

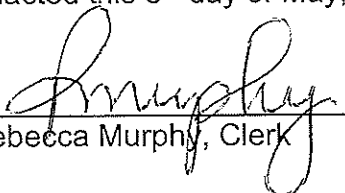
NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hereby enacts as follows:

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

3769 Line 9
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
County of Simcoe

2. 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 property Land Registry Office.

Enacted this 5th day of May, 2020.


Rebecca Murphy, Clerk


Rob Keffer, Mayor

SCHEDULE 'B'**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE****Fisher's Corner, S.S. #7**

3769 Line 9

Circa 1870

The property municipally known as 3769 Line 9 is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of the property

The Fisher's Corner S.S. #7 school house is located at the property municipally known as 3769 Line 9, Bradford West Gwillimbury (formerly Township of West Gwillimbury) and is a single story brick building built in the gothic revival style (circa 1877). The school and was in use until the 1960's and it was converted into a single dwelling residence.

Statement of cultural heritage value (history)

The Fisher's Corners S.S. #7 has cultural heritage value due to its architectural style and design, its historic associations and its contextual value in contributing to its immediate context. The site is associated with the development of the hamlet of Fisher's Corners as well as the development and ongoing evolution of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Hamlet of Fisher's Corners, located at the intersection of Line 9 and Sideroad 5, was founded by four member's of the Fisher Family – Edward, Tolbert, Thomas Albert and Thomas. As the Hamlet grew to also include a church, the new Hamlet also built a new school, originally built as a log cabin, in 1835. In 1875, more land was acquired by the trustees of Fisher's Corners School and in 1877, a brick school was built. It is said to be built of 28,000 bricks and cost \$965 to build. The building was heated by a one box stove until 1910 when a large wood burning furnace was added. Hydro was added to the school in 1947. The school ended its term in the 1960's, and the school was converted to a residence in the 1960s, which exists to this day.

The school has significant architectural value, and is an excellent example of vernacular school design. The exterior maintains almost all of its original details: including the general form and massing, dichromatic brick with eave and quoins, wooden lintels and the stone foundation. At the front of the building, on the top, sits a central bell tower. In addition, the front elevation features a central vestibule with the original wooden door, arched windows with dichromatic window surrounds and wooden double hung slashes and storm windows. On the east and west elevations, the structure features roof

dormers with arched windows and the same windows on the front elevation. The building also features two brick chimney's on the east and west elevation.

Description of heritage attributes

The Fisher's Corner S.S. #7 contributes to its context as it is local landmark within the Hamlet of Fisher's Corner. Further it's historic and associative value as a local school house contributed to the history and development of West Gwillimbury, and therefor the Town Bradford West Gwillimbury and features these key historic elements:

- General form and massing including vestibule and main building with gable roof, dormers and central bell tower
- Materials including dichromatic brick with eave and quoins, wooden lintels, stone foundation
- The composition and features of the main, south entrance including vestibule with original wooden door and simple transom, two segmentally arched windows with dichromatic eyebrow window surrounds, wooden double hung sashes and storm windows and the historic plaque
- The composition and features of the east and west elevations including roof dormers with segmentally arched windows, dichromatic eyebrow window surrounds, wooden double hung sash and storm windows, two dormers and two brick single stack chimneys
- The setback of the building from Line 9

This building is being recommended for historic designation because of historical significance and architectural merit as described in the statement of cultural heritage value. This statement is prepared by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning based upon information provided in the "Fisher's Corner, S.S #7" Heritage Building Evaluation Report, written by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Heritage Committee, 2019.