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VIA REGULAR MAIL

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

Attention: Erin Semande

Dear Ms. Semande:

**RE: Notice of Designation (By-law 2020-37)
Gummerson/Thorpe House
Part of Lot 24, Concession 7; Part 1 on Plan 51R-34092, municipally known as
3176 County Road 27
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

Please take notice that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has passed By-law 2020-37 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 2020-37.

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

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

Thomas Dysart
Planner

Attachment 1: By-law 2020-37

The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

By-law 2020-37

Being a By-law to designate a property as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest 3176 County Road 27.

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:

PART OF LOT 24, CONCESSION 7; Part 1 on Plan 51R-34092
3176 County Road 27
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property municipally known as 3176 County Road 27, 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:

3176 County Road 27
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 'A'

In the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, property description as follows:

PART OF LOT 24, CONCESSION 7; Part 1 on Plan 51R-34092
Roll #: 431203000410700
3176 County Road 27
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

SCHEDULE 'B'**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE****Gummerson/Thorpe House**

3176 County Road 27
Circa 1860

The property municipally known as 3176 County Road 27 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 Gummerson-Thorpe House is a single detached residential dwelling that is located at 3176 County Road 27 in the hamlet of Bond Head within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. It is a 1 ½ storey brick Classical Revival building built in 1860 and has been in active use until 2018. The interior of the building would be excluded from the designation by-law.

Statement of cultural heritage value (history)

The Gummerson-Thorpe House 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 Bond Head as well as the development and ongoing evolution of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House has significant architectural value as the original building is a wonderful example of a very early 1860 building in a rare classic revival style. The design is very pleasing and very well executed and the inclusion of the original windows, storm windows and doors is very unusual in Bradford West Gwillimbury. The early summer kitchen addition to the immediate south is sympathetic to the design and early evolution/function of the building. The building is constructed of dark red brick in Flemish bond pattern on the front façade, with English bond pattern elsewhere. The construction is two brick sandwiched around a central space filled with rubble and every tenth course with tie bricks. The brick design features a yellow brick detail pattern and embellishments on the string course, quoins and window and door headers. All building elements have medium slanted gable roofs. The original house has elegant molded wooden frieze beneath plain fascia and soffits with elegant cornice returns and features intact wooden six over six double hung windows with original storm windows. The window openings have flat topped rectangles and the windows on the second storey have plain wooden trim.

The original house is largely symmetrical with a central entrance and features an original wood panelled door, surrounded by sidelights and transom. The door features a carpenter rim look. The original home features 3 additions, the first of which was a summer kitchen

to the south, and based on the age on the windows, may have been added sometime around 1880-1910 and is sympathetic in design to that of the original house.

The original house is surrounded on all sides by a slightly raised veranda which is supported by decorative posts and spandrels; they do appear to be a recreation of what the original porch may have looked like and the age of the porch on site cannot be determined.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House has significant historical value as the home represents the common early agricultural basis of the hamlet of Bond Head. The property has some historic significance as being owned, built by and occupied by the Gummerson family for over 100 years. The land would stay in the Gummerson family up until 1941.

The Gummerson-Thorpe House contributes to its context as it is on a property which is on the top of a hill or drumlin immediately north of the hamlet of Bond Head, south of Line 8 and west of County Road 88. Although the house cannot be properly appreciated from the road it has occupied the top of the hill for over 100 years and is associated with marking the northern limit of Bond Head. The house has been and continues to be a recognizable property seen when travelling through north or south along County Road 27 through the hamlet of Bond Head.

Description of heritage attributes (architecture)

The original home and summer kitchen addition represents an excellent example of Classical Revival design by a local builder, and features these key exterior attributes:

- Original windows/storm windows
- Summer Kitchen addition (south end of home)
- Brick façade and associated brick patterning including the dark red brick in Flemish bond pattern on the front façade with dichromatic yellow brick patterns and the English Bond Pattern;
- Brick details and embellishments on the string course, quoins and window and door headers;
- Wooden frieze beneath plain fascia and soffits and cornice returns;
- Wooden six over six double hung windows with flat topped rectangle window openings and plain wooden rim on the second storey;
- Original wood paneled door surrounded by sidelights and transom;
- Symmetrical house design with central entrance; and
- Raised veranda with decorative posts and spandrels.

This property 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 "Gummerson/Thorpe House" Heritage Building Evaluation Report, written by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Heritage Committee, 2019.