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Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of North York, at its meeting held June 22, 1994, has passed by-laws to designate the following five properties as being of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 R.S.O Chapter O.18.

John Bales House, 4169 Bathurst Street	By-law No. 32306
Chedington, 2295 Bayview Avenue	By-law No. 32307
Thomas Clark House, 9 Barberry Place	By-law No. 32308
Clark Locke House, 355 Lesmill Road	By-law No. 32309
Joseph Shepard House, 90 Burndale Avenue	By-law No. 32310

Please find copies of by-laws attached.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Allan J. O'Neill  
Commissioner of Property and Economic Development

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**CITY OF NORTH YORK**

**BY-LAW NUMBER** 32306

To designate the lands and buildings at 4169 Bathurst Street of architectural and historical value.

**WHEREAS** The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, 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 or architectural value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of North York has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as The John Bales House, 4169 Bathurst Street 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 Schedule "B" hereto; and

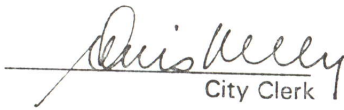
**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Municipality;

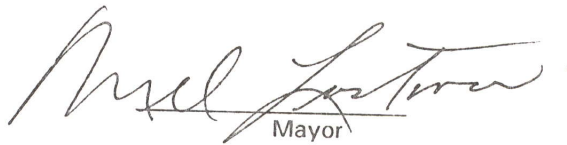
**THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH YORK HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, municipally known as The John Bales House, 4169 Bathurst Street.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of North York.

ENACTED and PASSED the 22nd day of June A.D. 1994

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

SCHEDULE "A"

4169 Bathurst Street

Part of Parcel B-1, Section B-4060 and being composed of those parts of Lots 14 and 15, concession 1, West of Yonge Street and being designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 66R-5829, City of North York, Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto SAVE AND EXCEPT Part 2 on Reference Plan 66R-9178 and Part 1 on Reference Plan 66R-9179.

Plan BA-1607, a plan under the Boundaries Act, registered as D-623 confirms the northerly boundary of said Part 1 on Reference Plan 66R-5829.



## SCHEDULE "B"

Architectural and historical reasons for the designation of the John Bales House, 4169 Bathurst Street, City of North York.

Built in 1824, the John Bales House may be the oldest in North York still standing on its original foundation. It was the home of John and Elizabeth Bales who purchased the 60 acre farm in 1824 and immediately began to clear the bush and build a home in which to raise their family. Their fourth child, Joseph, purchased the family homestead in 1869. The family retained the property until 1885.

The Bales family remained in North York and by the 1920s had become very active in community affairs. Joseph's son, Oliver Douglas Bales, was appointed Deputy Reeve of the first North York Council in 1922, serving also in 1923. His brother, Joseph Christie Bales, became a Councillor in 1927. Oliver's son, R. Earl Bales, served as Councillor in 1931 and 1932, as Deputy Reeve in 1933 and became North York's youngest Reeve in 1934, at the age of 37 years. He held the position until the end of 1940, and was instrumental in pulling North York back from the brink of bankruptcy.

O.D. Bales served as a trustee for the first Township School Area in Ontario, established in 1928, as well as a trustee of the first high school district in North York, also in 1928. Earl Bales was a trustee for the elementary schools at one time. Another descendant, Dalton Bales, MPP, was Attorney-General of Ontario from 1972 to 1974.

The park surrounding the John Bales House was named for Earl Bales in recognition of his contribution to North York. The John Bales House serves as a reminder of the contribution of the Bales family to the history of North York from its earliest beginnings as part of the Township of York.

The 1824 portion of the house is a gable-roofed three-bay, two storey roughcast log structure facing west towards Bathurst Street. A one-and-a-half storey frame kitchen wing was added to the rear about 1840, and a shed-roofed cool room was added to the north probably about the same time. The cool room was demolished in 1991.

The house is stunning in its simplicity, sitting low to the ground with its only ornamentation the restrained brackets embellishing the restored chamfered posts of the L-shaped verandah in the southeast angle of the house and its rear wing.

The central door of the west facade is flanked by twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows. Spaced above the ground floor openings are three eight-over-four double hung windows. All openings are finished with flat, beaded architraves and wooden sills.

The gable ends have only one window each, located on the ground floor towards the front of the house. The rear of the log structure has two upper and one lower window, and a more recent door, slightly off-centre to the south. The ground floor windows are twelve-over-twelve and the upper are eight-over-four.

The kitchen wing is roughcast and clapboard. The south elevation has an off-centre door and a two-over-two double hung window. The north elevation has a centre door with a two-over-two window to the left and a smaller six-over-six window to the right. Two second storey windows at the rear of the wing are six-over-six.

There are three internal chimneys: a single chimney at the north end of the log house, and heavy, double flue chimneys at the south end of the log house and the east end of the rear wing.

A number of significant interior features remain. The most outstanding original feature is the fireplace and panelled storage wall in the south bedroom of the second floor. The mantel has a moulded architrave, and a mantel shelf supported by a large cavetto moulding. The cupboard and drawer units include a fielded six-panel door, a short three-panel door and a central unit of four drawers with wooden mushroom pulls, over which are a pair of single-panel doors. The whole unit has a cornice moulding which matches the cavetto moulding of the mantel.

Other significant features are found in the ground floor bedroom and include the six-panel door to the front hall, original window and door casings and the original fireplace (altered).

A simple, well-crafted balustrade of oval handrail, square balusters and square chamfered newel graces the upstairs hall.

A cooking fireplace and possibly bakeoven are thought to be hidden behind modern partitions in the kitchen.

The John Bales House is an excellent example of early Ontario vernacular architecture and one of few little altered log homes still existing on its original foundation. Added to this are the superb built-in storage wall, and the historical connections to a prominent North York family, making the John Bales House unique in the City of North York.

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