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CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

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November 13, 1992.

VIA REGISTERED MAIL

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
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Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Designating By-law 1992-48

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Copy of By-law Number 1992-48, A By-law to designate the Tait House as being of architectural and historical value or interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.

These documents are forwarded to you pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Section 29(6).

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Laura S. Lee, B.A., A.M.C.T.,
Deputy Clerk.

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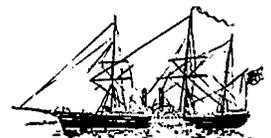
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BY-LAW NUMBER 1992-48 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE TAIT HOUSE AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historic value or interest.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Tait House 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Tait House, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest.
2. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Registry Office for the division of Simcoe.
3. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 1st day of June, A.D. 1992.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1992-48 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Orillia, in the County of Simcoe and being composed of Lots 23 and 38, east side of Scott Street, Plan 407, City of Orillia, County of Simcoe.

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario
Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF By-law-Number
1992-48, a by-law to designate
certain property pursuant to
the Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE TAIT MILLWORKER'S HOUSE

HISTORY

The house at 52 Scott Street is being designated for historical and architectural reasons. This house was built in 1889 and is the only example of a millworker's house that remains in original condition on Scott Street.

52 Scott Street is one of a row of houses built by Mr. Andrew Tait, the prosperous owner of an early lumber mill between Scott Street and Lake Couchiching.

This row of "small, well-finished brick houses" was erected to replace "all the old ramshackles" existing on this street that led to Cedar Island. They were offered to millworkers "at a rental usually paid for cheap frame houses".

The house may have been constructed by carpenter Henry Scott after whom it is supposed the street is named. Messrs. Tait and Scott were both trustees in the Primitive Methodist Church about that period.

The house was purchased in 1981 by Mrs. Joan Cody, founding Chairman of the Orillia LACAC. Mr. William Wishart, a prominent horticulturalist in Orillia, lived here many years, and some of his original plantings are still evident, such as a walnut tree and cedar hedge. The building is locally known by many as the Wishart house.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

The Millworker's House, as all the houses on Scott Street, is a two-storey red brick of a builder's design in the classical style, an economical design with the pediment facing the street. A single-storey extension exists at the rear. Overall, it is an excellent example of worker housing during the period.

Foundation: Limestone, random-coursed, which is original, and unmodified except where patched. A small crawl space exists under the building.

Brickwork: Original, uncleaned brickwork exists except where a window was bricked over in the south wall, and a major decayed section has been replaced on the second storey on the rear (east) wall.

The red brickwork has no distinguishing features such as string courses or demarcation of the pediment. The top of each door and window opening, except the small window on the south wall, is trimmed in a yellow brick, flattened arch with "eared" or shouldered corners - lateral projections of the trim brick around the top.

The building also has yellow brick projecting quoins. Mortar is uncoloured.

Windows, Doors: All the facade, north wall and east wall windows are the original double-hung "one over one" sash windows, (with mostly original cylinder glass). The facade features two typical windows in the pediment, and two abutting windows on the main floor separated by a wooden rather than brick mullion. Sills are wooden originals, with original "four over four" storms. Decorative molding above the windows is missing (existing on 56 Scott St.)

The front door is a typical neo-classical style opening at the south edge of the facade for a side-hall plan. The original door has 4 vertical panels, the upper two being patterned windows, and there is a small window above the door, made of original patterned glass.

Extension: The original extension to the rear of the building still exists in unaltered shape except for a replacement window installed on the north side. It originally served as a kitchen and heating extension with the house's only chimney at the peak. The chimney is not in original condition.

Roof and Fascia: The roofing material consists of modern asphalt shingles, and fascia is single board all the way around the primary structure.