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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW NUMBER 341-87

A By-law to designate the Peter Rupert House located on the property known municipally as 51 Trinity Crescent, Maple, formerly identified municipally as 2144 Rutherford Road, Maple, in the Town of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, 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 Town of Vaughan has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Peter Rupert House, 51 Trinity Crescent, Maple, formerly identified municipally as 2144 Rutherford Road, Maple, being Part of Lot 16, Concession 3, in the Town of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a 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 Town of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the building known as the Peter Rupert House, situated at 51 Trinity Crescent, Maple, formerly identified municipally as 2144 Rutherford Road, Maple, being Part of Lot 16, Concession 3, in the Town of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.

3. The Town Solicitor 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 proper land registry office.
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the Owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper in which notice of intention to so designate was published once of each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 21st day of September, 1987.



L. D. Jackson, Mayor




R. Panizza, Town Clerk

READ a THIRD time and finally passed, this 21st day of September, 1987.



L. D. Jackson, Mayor



R. Panizza, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 341-87

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York in the Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot 75 on Registered Plan No. 65M-2549, said Plan being deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of York Region (No. 65).

PROPERTY: The Peter Rupert House
ADDRESS: 2144 Rutherford Road
Lot 16, Concession 3
Town of Vaughan
Regional Municipality of York
CONSTRUCTION DATE: c 1851 - 1861
ORIGINAL OWNER: Peter Rupert
PRESENT OWNER & USE: Grossman Holdings
Rental accommodation

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Peter Rupert House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. The Ruperts were amongst the first pioneers in Vaughan, settling in Sherwood. Peter Rupert gave land for the establishment of a Methodist church on his lot, bringing Methodism to this area. The Ruperts farmed this land for over 100 years.

The Peter Rupert House was built in the Georgian style, embellished with architectural ornament inspired by Classical Revival influences. Characteristic Classical Revival motifs include modillions in pairs under the eaves, returned eaves, and lunette windows. The symmetrical proportions, rendered with striking simplicity, are typically Georgian.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Rupert House, at 2144 Rutherford Road on the southwest side of Lot 16, Concession 3, was built between 1851 and 1861. Like most of Vaughan, the land on which this house stands originally belonged to the Crown. On October 28, 1803, Benjamin Cozens received the Crown grant for all 200 acres of Lot 12, Concession 3. Three years later, in 1806, Cozens sold the land to Adam Reeport, or Rupert, as the name later came to be spelt. In 1835, Adam passed the land on to his son, Peter.

It was during Peter Rupert's ownership that the house was built. The date of the building of this house can be narrowed down to 10 years, according to the Personal Census records for the years 1851 and 1861. In the 1851 census, Peter was still living in a one storey hewn log house. By 1861, however, the census records the present two storey brick house.

In 1885, Peter passed the house and surrounding lands onto his son, Thomas. In 1914, Thomas left the land to Bertie Jackson, who was related to the Rupert family by marriage. Jackson sold the land to John Strathy in 1946, from whom it passed to the present owners, Grossman Holdings.

Lot 16, Concession 3, was Rupert land for over 100 years. Generations of Ruperts built their houses on the family lot as this house exemplifies. The Ruperts were one of the first pioneer families to settle in Vaughan. Like many of Vaughan's first settlers, the Ruperts came from Pennsylvania, but were of German extraction originally. The Rupert family was instrumental in bringing Methodism to this part of Vaughan. In 1848, Peter Rupert gave part of his land for the establishment of a Methodist church and cemetery to serve what was known as "Rupert's Settlement". The house at 2144 Rutherford Road is a testament to

the important role the Rupert farmers played in Vaughan's early history. Its solid Georgian architectural style epitomises the growing wealth of the Ruperts. This house tells us that the Ruperts were no longer pioneers living in log houses, but were prosperous farmers firmly established on Vaughan land.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This impressive Georgian white-painted red brick house faces onto but is set back considerably from Rutherford Road. The approach - by means of two long drives on either side of the property - adds to the impression of grandeur that the great expanse of lawn creates. The house itself is hidden from view by carefully planted trees, giving it the privacy of a country estate. This impression is confirmed upon arrival at the house, as the trees serve to block out both Rutherford Road and Keele Street and the neighbouring houses. The garden is rectilinear in shape, the house lying at the far end of the rectangle (See Appendix 1). On the east side, the property is bounded by a stream, while conifers on the southern and western perimeters provide seclusion. The western driveway is framed by an avenue of trees which lead the eye up towards the house. The landscaping was clearly designed to complement the balanced symmetry of the house, providing a sympathetic backdrop for its solid Georgian style.

The basic plan of the house is that of a double-cube, onto which two additions have been built. The first wing, or tail, was probably added not long after the house was built if not original to the structure, and may have served as a kitchen. Just behind it lies the vegetable garden. The second addition would seem to be more recent; it is a garage. Both additions are built of brick, painted white to blend with the main house, although the brick of the garage is grey concrete under the paint.

The solid cubic shapes from which this house is formed are quintessentially Georgian, giving the house its pleasing, comfortable appearance. The three-bayed, two storeyed facade is Georgian in its harmonious proportions and dignity of design. The twelve-paned double-hung windows, the signature of the Georgian style, are striking in their simplicity, while the centrally-placed door, true