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York

CITY OF VAUGHAN

In the Matter of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

- and -

In the Matter of The Lands and Premises at the following Municipal address in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario.

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
2nd floor
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2R9

REGISTERED MAIL

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

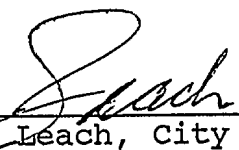
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan has passed a by-law designating the property at the following municipal address, as property of historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Jacob Fisher Oak Tree
Part Lot 5, Concession 6
Woodbridge

The Jacob Fisher Oak Tree located on Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Woodbridge, has been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its historical significance.

Named after the original owner of the crown grant property where it stands, this 200+ year old Bur Oak dates back to the first settlers of Vaughan Township. Early pioneers were required by the government to clear the land for planting. Those trees that remained served as property markers and wind breaks. The Jacob Fisher Oak Tree is a reminder of that first act by the early pioneers.

DATED at the City of Vaughan, this 11th day of September 1991.



J.D. Leach, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Maple, Ontario, L6A 1T1

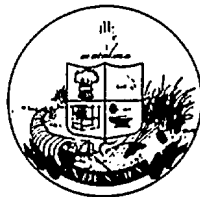
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THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 254-91

A By-law to designate the Jacob Fisher Oak Tree, located on property known municipally as Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Woodbridge, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario as being of 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/or historical value or interest; and,

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the Jacob Fisher Oak Tree, Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Woodbridge, in the City 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 City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

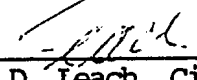
1. There is designated as being of historical value or interest the property known as the Jacob Fisher Oak Tree, Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Woodbridge, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

2. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The City 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 City 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 for each of three consecutive weeks.

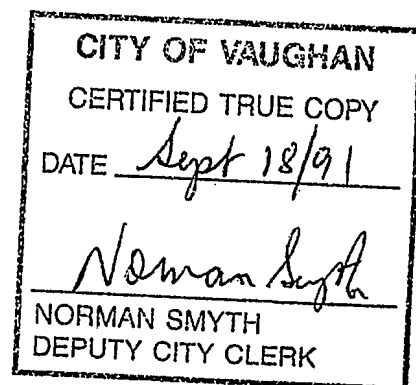
READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 11th day of September 1991.



L. D. Jackson, Mayor



J. D. Leach, City Clerk



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 254-91

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

The lands situated in the City of Vaughan in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario, being composed of Part Lot 5, Concession 6, designated as Part Lot 4, on Registered Plan No. 65M-2309, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York.

CITY OF VAUGHAN
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
DATE <u>Sept 18/91</u>
<u>Norman Smyth</u>
NORMAN SMYTH DEPUTY CITY CLERK

JACOB FISHER OAK TREE**Part Lot 5, Concession 6****Woodbridge****SHORT REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

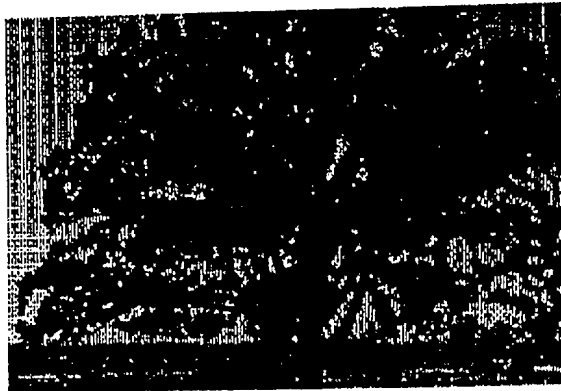
The Jacob Fisher Oak Tree located on Part 5, Concession 6, Woodbridge, is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its historical significance.

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Oak dates back to the first settlers of Vaughan Township. Early pioneers were required by the government to clear the land for planting. Those trees that remained served as property markers and wind breaks. The Jacob Fisher Oak Tree is a reminder of that first act by the early pioneers.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

(Above) Jacob Fisher Oak Tree in 1990.



(Above) Jacob Fisher Oak Tree in 1983 before development to property.

Although most of the first settlers in Vaughan Township were experienced farmers, they settled land covered with trees. Their first task, a requirement of government, was to clear the land to begin planting. Jacob Fisher came for Gainsbury (perhaps England, not stated) and was granted this lot in 1801 at the age of 21. Jacob's arrival here would have seen the absence of all signs of civilization and nothing but vast and apparently endless wilderness.

The trees on the lot would be cut in rows and hauled by oxen to be piled for burning. This served the purpose of not only getting rid of the trees but produced pot ash which could be sold to the British Government for use in gunpowder. In this way the trees were the farmers first cash crop. Those that remained were kept as property markers and treelines to break the winds blowing the top soil.

These trees were also a symbol of the pioneers themselves. Sturdy and versatile, the oak tree shared both seasons and homes with the pioneer. Used in a variety of commercial and domestic ways, such as furniture, interior finishes, flooring, tools and housing, trees were part of every Canadian Settlement.

DESCRIPTION

A Bur Oak tree (*Quercus Macrocarpa*) seldom reaches more than 50 feet in height and 2 feet in diameter. The Jacob Fisher Oak measures approximately 48-50 inches in diameter with a minimum of deadwood in wide, open-grown crown. The tree appears in good health with only minor leaf spot (fungal) visible. All wood appears sound

and healthy. Little affected by air pollution, automobile exhaust and the surrounding development, this 200+ year old Bur Oak will remain for centuries as a remnant of an earlier agricultural society's landscape.

SOURCES

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