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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL

BY-LAW NO. 059-03

A By-Law of The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil to designate a certain property as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest, being the Knock Community Centre, and the Knock Community Ball Park sites located at 7756 - 10 Sideroad, Town of Innisfil, County of Simcoe.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate real property including the buildings and structures thereon to be of historic, architectural, cultural heritage and value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil has been requested to designate the land and building at 7756 - 10 Sideroad as historic; and

WHEREAS notice of intention to designate the Knock Community Centre and the Knock Community Ball Park located at 7756 - 10 Sideroad has been served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and such notice of intention has been publicized 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 Innisfil enacts as follows:

 That the following real property 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:

> Knock Community Centre, and Knock Community Ball Park 7756 - 10 Sideroad Town of Innisfil County of Simcoe

That the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property designated in Schedule "A", attached hereto in the Property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9TH, DAY OF JULY, 2003.

Brian H. Jackson,	Mayor
Paul G. Landry,	Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW 059-03

In the Town of Innisfil, (formerly the Township of Innisfil), in the County of Simcoe, property described as follows:

P.I.N. 58098.0144 (LT)

Part Lot 10, Concession 9, Innisfil as in

IN12844, Innisfil

P.I.N. 58098.0020 (LT)

Part Lot 10, Concession 9, Innisfil as in

R0215658, Innisfil

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 059-03

Statement of Reason for Historical Designation

The Knock Community Centre (Public School), formerly S.S. #15 in Innisfil is located at 7756 - 10 Sideroad and the 9th Concession. It is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its cultural heritage value relating to its historical and architectural significance to the community.

Historical Reasons

The Knock Community Centre, formerly the Knock School, was built in 1902 by William Taylor of Allandale on the site of a log and frame school built in 1871 by Stephen Maneer. It is the only school site in Innisfil that is essentially unchanged from its original use. It is also a well-maintained example of late 19th/early 20th century Ontario school house design.

The Knock School was purchased in the mid 1960's from the School Board and became known as Knock Community Centre. This is the only school site in Innisfil that is essentially unchanged from it=s original use. Description of the heritage attributes: The School House is a one room brick building with full basement, rectangular in design, with a high-pitched gable roof and a bell tower on top. The bell and bell tower are original to the building. The entranceway/cloakroom attached to the front has separate doors for "Boys" and "Girls" reflecting the practice at the time of the building's construction. Additional original features include the high ceiling, wood trim, wainscotting, hardwood flooring, external trim, and the position of the blackboard across the front with one on each side between middle and front windows.

NOTE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING HISTORY OF THIS SITE

First School:

- Land bought from William Hunter: 3 acres in 1870, 3 acres in 1873. Additional 2 acres of land purchased from same farm in 1901.
- William was the father of Andrew Hunter who wrote AHistory of Simcoe County, also excavated and wrote a record of Indian Village Sites in Simcoe County.
- 1871 Stephen Maneer built a log and frame school for \$230.
- 94 children were on the school roll, between the ages of 5 & 16 years.
- Well was dug in 1874.

Present School:

- Present brick school built in 1902.
- William Taylor of Allandale built it for \$1475.
- 41 children attended in 1903.
- Miss Ross was the first teacher with a salary of \$125 paid once a year.
- School is 100 yrs. old and still in its original state.

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SCHEDULE "B"

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Reason for Preserving this Historical Building:

- Last one room school in Innisfil which has not become a house.
- · Used by the Historical Society for meetings.
- Historical Society has a large collection of historical books and documents which other societies
 do not have making us unique.
- The Historical Society documents are researched by both families and schools.
- The community uses the school for family gatherings.
- Knock was named after the Hunter ancestral home in Scotland.
- Wm. Hunter was the first chairman of the school trustees.
- Our Historical Society's Open Houses have been well attended.
- The Knock Community Centre has been used by a Ladies Organization for their quilting club, euchre events, showers for newly married and established good citizenship for the community.
- · A museum of Innisfil's historical information.
- · A very complete and historical record of the founding of Innisfil is recorded for future use.

Architectural Reasons:

- The Knock School House is a well maintained example of the late 19th Century Ontario School House design that is still functional.
- It is rectangular in design with a high pitched gable roof and bell tower on top.

Architectural Features:

- One room brick clad building with full basement.
- Entranceway/Cloakroom attached to front with separate doors for Boys & Girls in keeping with tradition of the time.
- Original bell and bell tower sits atop the steep pitched roof.
- High ceiling, wood trim, wainscotting and hardwood flooring as per original construction.
- Blackboard across front with one on each side between middle and front windows.
- Indoor plumbing, electric lights and furnace only alteration from original construction.
- · Original external trim.
- Refer to the attached pictures, which show the many features of this architecture.

Contextual Reasons:

 The Knock School is of contextual significance and is an important historical feature of the Knock Community. One of the few remaining historic buildings in the area.