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THE TOWN OF AURORA

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ATTENTION OF C. E. Gowan

February 27, 1988

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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ONTARIO HERITAGE
FOUNDATION

Dear Sir,

Re: Designation under Ontario Heritage Act
74 Wellington Street East
Aurora, Ontario

Enclosed please find a certified copy of By-law 3064-89 which was adopted by Council on February 22, 1989.

This By-law is for your information and will be registered against the property by our Solicitors.

Yours truly,

Colleen E. Gowan, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

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Enc.

BY-LAW NUMBER 3064-89
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AURORA

BEING A BY-LAW to designate the George Morrison House located on the property known municipally as 74 Wellington Street East in the Town of Aurora, Regional Municipality of York as being of architectural and/or historic value or interest.

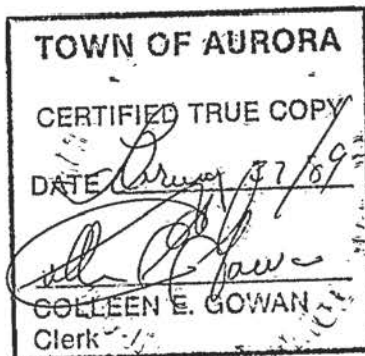
WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the George Morrison House, 74 Wellington Street East, Aurora, being Lot 13, Plan 107, First Range, in the Town of Aurora, 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 Aurora enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and/or historic value or interest the building known as the George Morrison House, 74 Wellington Street East, Aurora, being Lot 13, Plan 107, First Range, in the Town of Aurora, 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 designate was published once for each of three consecutive weeks.



READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 8th DAY OF February, 1989.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF February, 1989.

[Signature]
J. WEST, MAYOR

[Signature]
-C.E. GOWAN, CLERK
inquisition deputy

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York in the Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot Number Thirteen (13), in the First (1st) Range North of Wellington Street as shown on Registered Plan Number 107 for the Town of Aurora.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION: THE GEORGE MORRISON HOUSE

The property identified as the George Morrison House at 74 Wellington Street East is worthy of designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The house was constructed in 1886 for George Morrison, a local carriage maker, under the direction of contractor Josiah Hall. The dwelling is more closely associated with Jessie M. Walton, a businessman and amateur historian, who purchased the property in 1919. Walton served as the mayor of Aurora for two terms.

The Morrison House is an excellent example of a late 19th century bay-and-gable dwelling incorporating a variety of picturesque elements from the Italianate and Gothic Revival styles. The 2½-storey building, constructed of wood frame and veneered with yellow brick, rests on a rubblestone foundation. The house is covered by a high gabled hip roof, presently clad in asphalt shingles. Single inset brick chimneys, not original to the building, are found on the east and west ends.

The brick is laid in plain stretcher bond with implied quoins at the corners of the walls. The large rectangular mass is broken by twin projections on the facade (south), featuring gable roofs (extensions of the main roof) and semi-elliptical bay windows in the lower storey. The bay windows have lost their iron cresting, and the gables are currently lacking most of their decorative vergeboard, apart from quatrefoil motifs which remain in the outer corners. Historical photographs indicate that the missing vergeboard was identical to surviving examples in gables on the east and west elevations of the house.

The principal entry, centered between the projecting sections of the facade, consists of a double leaf door with an oversized segmental transom. The wallspace above contains a triple-sash window, with the sashes divided by mullions in the guise of semi-engaged columns. Other windows throughout the lower stories of the building feature segmental openings with brick voussoirs. Most of the sliding sash windows contain the original glass. The attic level is lit by tiny eyebrow windows in the elevations, the openings surrounded by brick circlets. The original shutters have been removed.

The open porch sheltering the main entry is a post-1920 replacement with classical columns supporting a flat roof which extends across the tops of the bay windows. The original porch displayed ornamental bargeboard with spoolwork trim. This and other original features, since missing or replaced, are known through architectural fragments in the possession of the property owner, and through historical photographs.

The dwelling retains its original appendages: a two-storey brick-veneered kitchen wing attached to the north elevation of the main body, and a single-storey wood frame tail affixed to the east end of the wing.

Significant interior features include the original doors, the wooden moulding around structural openings, and the wooden archway dividing the parlours.

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**Reasons for Designation
The George Morrison House**

The dwelling is the largest residential building constructed on Wellington Street East, and serves as an integral part of this important corridor. It is highly visible in the streetscape, given its size and setback on a landscaped lot whose dimensions remain unaffected by 20th century subdivision or infill.