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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE BY-LAW 1993-58

A by-law to designate 85 Park Avenue as a property of historical and architectural value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

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- The property municipally known as 85 Park Avenue is hereby designated as a property of historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
- 2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 26th day of May,

1993.

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## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-58

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The house at 85 Park Avenue was built in 1905 by George Hughes, soon after the Carson and Bacon Survey was drawn up for the land south of Lakeshore Road and between Mrs. Timothy Eaton's Raymar Estate and the Eighth Line. This land had originally been part of the Estate of the Reverend James Nisbet, who resided in the house at 10 Park Avenue. Reverend Nisbet ministered the Presbyterian congregation at Oakville and the Sixteen Village in the 1850's. He later served as a Missionary and is credited with founding the City of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

George Hughes was born in England in the 1840's. In 1881 he married Susan Kennett, and immediately following, emigrated to Canada, eventually settling in Oakville. George Hughes is believed to have been a carpenter by trade, and both Susan and he were active members of St. Jude's Anglican Church. The Hughes' had five children, Charles I. Hughes of Hamilton, Mrs. Joseph Lyon of Oakville, Mrs. A. E. Davis, Toronto, Mrs. F. R. Davis of St. Catharines and Mrs. E. A. Lyon of Toronto. Mrs. Joseph Lyon lived with her family on nearby Second Street. Her husband, Joseph, was known for his participation in the Oakville Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Mrs. Hughes lived in the house at 85 Park Avenue until 1938 when she went to live with her daughter in Toronto. She passed away in 1948 in her 91st year.

In 1947, the property was sold to David H.P. Row. He sold the property in 1955 to Peter and Stella Newton. The Newton family owned the property at 85 Park Avenue for seventeen years until they sold it to **seventeen** and **seventeen** 

in 1972. It was during the ownership of the that an interesting event in the history of this house occurred, the filming of a major motion picture. In 1978, Gordon Film Productions Limited of London, England were producing a major motion picture entitled, "Lost and Found", a comedy starring Glenda Jackson and George Segal, and written, directed and produced by Melvin Frank.

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The house at 85 Park Avenue was built in 1905, and represents an excellent example of the Queen Anne cottage style. The original house was square in form, with steeply pitched gables. There have been additions to the north and east, but these are compatible with the original structure. The gables feature examples of decorative woodwork, which may be the work of skilled carpenter George Hughes. The three gables are similar in form and detailing, but each is subtly different in design. The north facing gable presents two separate windows with decorative pediments. The shingle pattern is of curved edge shingles up to the pediments and plain shingles to the roof. The west facing gable is entirely of curved edge shingles. In the centre there is a double window with a pediment. The south facing gable has a single window with pediment. The shingles are plain with a grouping of curved edge shingles in a diamond shape above the window. There is a chimney in the centre of the original roof. The roofing material is of asphalt shingle, but this may have originally been wood shingle. The lower storey has been altered with new windows and aluminum siding, however, these are compatible with the overall design of the structure. Projecting from the doorway is a small Queen Anne style porch, with decorative columns. The house has a number of significant interior features. These include a partially exposed lakestone basement, detailed door moldings and high baseboards. There is also an unusual pocket sliding door in the living room.

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The style and scale of the house at 85 Park Avenue is compatible with the overall character of Park Avenue and presents a pleasing view to the street.

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THOSE lands and premises located in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, and being composed of Lot Number 5, in Charles D. Carson's survey of lots, in the said Town of Oakville, according to a Plan thereof drawn by Edgar Bray Esquire, O.L.S. bearing dated the 24th day of July, A.D., 1905, and registered in the Registry Office for the said Regional Municipality of Halton on the 27th day of July, A.D., 1905, as Number 105.

## SECONDLY:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, more particularly described as being that part of a laneway behind Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 according to a Plan registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Registry Division of Halton as No. 105 shown as Part 1 on a plan of survey of record in the said Office as No. 20R-3155B.

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