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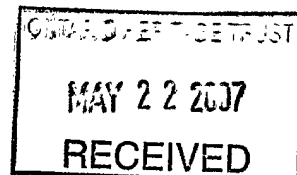
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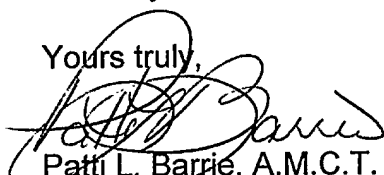
Mr. S. Fraser
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Mr. Fraser:

RE: Designation of Property Under The
Ontario Heritage Act – Our File: R01.WA

Enclosed is a certified copy of By-law 2007-104 designating the Walbridge House, 483 King Avenue East, former Village of Newcastle as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. This by-law was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Clarington at their meeting held on May 14, 2007. Notice of the designation is being published in the Canadian Statesman and the Orono Times on May 30, 2007. As well, a copy of the by-law will be registered on title.

Yours truly,



Patti L. Barrie, A.M.C.T.
Municipal Clerk

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cc: 1319164 Ontario Limited
Rita Calderone, Ministry of Culture
Victor Suppan, Chair, Clarington Heritage Committee
Myno Van Dyke
Leslie Wilson, Newcastle Village and District Historical Society
Marcia J. Taggart, Aird & Berlis LLP
Martha Rutherford-Conrad, Clarington Museum and Archives
Peter Rumgay
Michael McClellan, ERA Architects Inc.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON
BY-LAW NO. 2007-104

being a by-law to designate the property known for municipal purposes as 483 King Avenue East, Part 9, Plan 40R-20610, Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle, now in the Municipality of Clarington as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact by-laws to designate properties to be of cultural heritage value or interest for the purposes of the Act;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington has caused to be served upon the owner of the property known for municipal purposes at 483 King Avenue East, Part 9, Plan 40R-20610, Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle, now in the Municipality of Clarington, Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Canadian Statesman, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation on December 21st, 2005;

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation of the aforesaid property under the Ontario Heritage Act are contained in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-law;

WHEREAS the Clarington Heritage Committee of the Municipality of Clarington has recommended that the property known for municipal purposes as, 483 King Avenue East, Part 9, Plan 40R-20610, Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle now in the Municipality of Clarington, be designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the notice of objection to the proposed designation was withdrawn by the owner of the property on March 23rd, 2007; and,

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property known for municipal purposes at, 483 King Avenue East, Part 9, Plan 40R-20610, Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle now in the Municipality of Clarington which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this by-law, is hereby designated as a property which has cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.,O.18.
2. The Solicitor for the Municipality of Clarington is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the title to the property described in Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "B" hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Municipal Clerk also is authorized to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Canadian Statesman, a newspaper having general circulation in the area of the designation.

By-law read a first time this	14 th	day of	May	2007
By-law read a second time this	14 th	day of	May	2007
By-law read a third time and finally passed this	14 th	day of	May	2007

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

[Signature]
MAY 14 2007
PATTI L. BARRIE
Municipal Clerk

[Signature]
Jim Abernethy, Mayor

[Signature]
Patti L. Barrie, Municipal Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A'
TO BY-LAW NO. 2007-104

The Walbridge House is located at 483 King Avenue East in Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle. The property was originally part of a 600 acre parcel which began at Concession Road 3 extending southward to Metcalfe Street. In 1792 the land was a Crown Grant to Rachel Cruickshank who apparently was a close personal friend of Mrs. John Graves Simcoe (Elizabeth Postumus). In 1816 Rachel Cruickshank sold the land to Asa E. Walbridge for \$1200. The combined enumeration and assessment roll for Clarke Township, Archives of Ontario, indicates that Asa E. Walbridge built the house between 1825 and 1826. The Walbridge House was a very large home for its time and had a total of six fireplaces.

Asa E. Walbridge was born 1782 in Dutchess County, New York State. In 1809 he married Hannah Every and they had five children. He was appointed a magistrate by the Province, however, this may be a Justice of the Peace. In March of 1838, the Bond Head Harbour Company received its charter and one of the founding Directors was Asa E. Walbridge. Asa E. died in 1860 in Newcastle Village.

Starting in 1805, the Methodists had what were called Saddlebag Preachers and the Smith's Creek Circuit stretched from Belleville to York (Toronto). In 1824 a second preacher named Rev. Anson Green was added to the circuit. On November 4th he preached the first Methodist sermon at Asa E. Walbridge's house on the main road. Thus, a Methodist congregation was officially founded in the Walbridge House. In November of 1974, the 150th anniversary of Methodism in Newcastle was celebrated and the opening ceremonies took place at the home. From 1950 to 1958 this house was known as the Gladibrae Tourist Home, a bed and breakfast owned and operated by Harry and Louise Jose. Descendents of the Walbridge family continued to reside in this home until 1987 when it was sold to a developer.

The house is a one and a half storey, five panel front, Georgian style home which exhibits a profile and arrangement of exterior features favoured in the earlier decades of the 19th century. It is unusually wide as its exterior dimensions are 43 feet in width by 34 feet in depth. The original clapboard siding has been covered with aluminum, and the second floor dormer is a 20th century addition. The original six over six, four over four, and three over one windows remain, as does the original stone foundation. The ground flooring 5/4 inch pine rests on top of logs, some of which are hand hewn, which rests on the outside stone foundation and scattered inside stone pillars. There are 7" by 2" bricks on the back outer wall adjacent to the clapboard siding. The front porch retains its six over six sidelights, its transom, 39" wide entrance door, and entablature. Interior features include the servant's staircase, window casings, interior doors and woodwork, wood flooring and pole rafters. The building retains its centre chimney and there is evidence of a bread oven at its base. There are only 92 known buildings in all of Ontario that are of this vintage. The Walbridge House may be the second oldest house within the historic boundaries of the former Durham County and may be the oldest building in Clarington on its original foundation.

SCHEDULE 'B'
TO BY-LAW 2007-104

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Municipality of Clarington, in the Regional Municipality of Durham and being more particularly described as:

483 King Avenue East, Part 9, Plan 40R-20610, Part Lot 26, Concession 1, former Village of Newcastle now in the Municipality of Clarington