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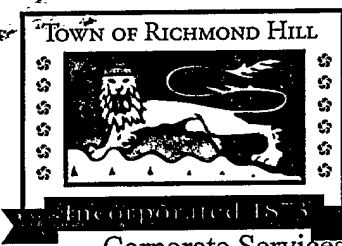


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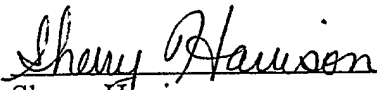
**Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 120-99**

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 1999, passed the following resolution concerning 1600 Major Mackenzie Drive East, Richmond Hill: ✓

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.99.38 and enact proposed By-law No. 120-99 to authorize the designation of the the John Bestard House, 12 Mathias Court, as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*." ✓

A copy of By-law No. 120-99 is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

  
Sherry Harrison  
Legislative & Projects Advisor

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cc: D. McLarty, Director of Administrative Services  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

**BY-LAW NO. 120-99**

A By-law to Authorize the designation of  
12 Mathias Court, the John Bestard House  
under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 12 Mathias Court, Richmond Hill, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property located at 12 Mathias Court, being Lot 27, Plan 65M-2968, in the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York, is hereby designated under part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. That the 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
3. That the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property in the Land Titles Office.
4. That the statements contained in Schedule "A" hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
5. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 1999.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

John Bestard House  
Lot 32, Concession 2 EYS  
12 Mathias Court  
*circa 1895*

The John Bestard House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The Bestards were among the early Markham families associated with the Tunker or Brethren in Christ Church at Heise Hill. John Bestard, an English-born farmer, and his Canadian-born wife Mary Williams, of Pennsylvania German ancestry, settled on Lot 32, Concession 2, Markham, in 1879. The family lived in a 1 ½ storey frame house. The present brick dwelling is believed to have been built for the Bestard's adopted son, William, in the mid 1890's. John Bestard retired from farming and moved to the village of Richmond Hill in 1900, selling his Markham farm in 1904. William Bestard moved to the hamlet of New Gormley, and in 1909 built a new house of moulded concrete block. At the time, his profession was given as "mechanic".

Typical in scale, design and choice of materials for the period, John Bestard chose to build a fashionable urban style house in a rural setting. The architecture of the white brick, two storey house is representative of the vernacular Queen Anne Revival style popular throughout North America at the time. It has an irregular plan that was once accented by porches that have since disappeared, but have left their outline on the surface of the brickwork. The steeply-pitched cross-gable roof is ornamented with decorative panelled bargeboards and spindlework brackets on the front projecting bay, and panelled bargeboards on the north and south gables. Windows are typically wooden, segmentally-headed, one over one units, except for the front bay, which features a large, single-paned sash with an art glass transom light above, and a double one over one unit on the second floor. The front door is a single leaf with applied corner blocks, and an upper glazed section which may have contained art glass at one time.

A modern bungalow, also on the property, is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

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