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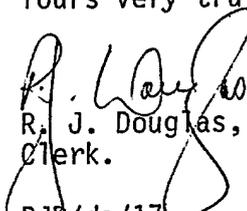
Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designations under the
Ontario Heritage Act
Our File C.13.3

I am enclosing a copy of By-laws Nos. 122-85 and 123-85 designating two properties in the Town of Richmond Hill under the above act. I trust the contents are self-explanatory. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours very truly,


R. J. Douglas,
Clerk.

RJD/da/17
Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 123-85

A by-law to Designate the property known municipally as 19 Church Street North as being of Architectural and/or Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Part IV 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 or historic 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 at 19 Church Street North, 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

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

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 Richmond Hill ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

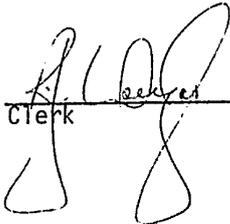
1. There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property at 19 Church Street North more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
4. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 1985.

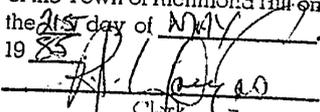
READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 1985.



Mayor



Clerk

I, R. J. DOUGLAS, Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, certify that this is a true copy of By-law No. ~~123-85~~ passed by the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill on the ~~21st~~ day of ~~MAY~~ 19 ~~85~~.


Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

SCHEDULE "A" TO 123-85

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Richmond Hill in the Regional Municipality of York and Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement one acre be the same more or less being part of the west half of Lot Number 47 in the First Concession EYS. The metes and bounds of which said parcel or tract of land are as follows: that is to say:

COMMENCING at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet (132') measured northerly along the easterly limit of Church Street from the intersection of the easterly boundary of Church Street with the northerly boundary of Centre Street, east of Yonge Street in the said Town of Richmond Hill; thence on a course north 9 degrees west, along the easterly limit of Church Street one hundred and thirty-two feet (132'); Thence north 74 degrees east three hundred and thirty feet (330') more or less; Thence south 9 degrees east, one hundred and thirty-two feet (132'); Thence south 74 degrees, west three hundred and thirty feet (330') more or less to the place of beginning; which said lands and premises are also known as Lot 356 on the plan of the Village of Richmond Hill made by Cyril G. Reuben, Ontario Land Surveyor, dated January 7th, 1938, and were formerly known as Lot Number 25 on Plan 481 filed in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the East and West Riding of the County of York, now Toronto Boroughs and York South.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 123-85

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Amos Wright House (19 Church Street North)

This house is recommended for designation for both architectural and historical reasons. The single storey clapboard house was built c 1840 in a vernacular derivative of the Regency style. It is a low massive building, with long hipped roof and wide eaves. The central doorway is flanked by sidelights and by moulded pilasters which support a wide frieze and projecting cornice. The classical detailing is repeated in the corner boards which also resemble pilasters. The high basement creates the Regency effect of a storey and a half house, with the storey above and the half storey below.

The house was built for Amos Wright, first reeve of Markham in 1850, MPP for East York from 1851 to Confederation, and MP for West York for the 4 years following Confederation. Locally he was a member of the committee seeking village incorporation - unsuccessfully in 1857 but with success in 1872.

A prominent member of the community, he served as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Richmond Hill Grammar School and presided at meetings of the Richmond Hill Library and the Mechanics Institute. He left Richmond Hill in 1875 to become Dominion Auditor in Port Arthur. He died in 1886 and is buried in the Richmond Hill Cemetery. Wright Street was named for him.