



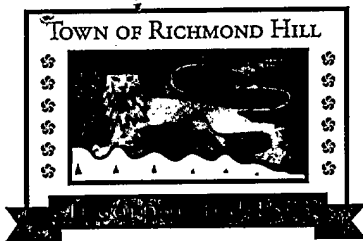
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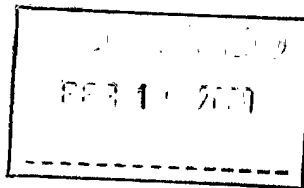
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Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 15-00

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 24th day of January, 2000, passed the following resolution concerning 37 Arnold Crescent, Richmond Hill:

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.00.13 and enact proposed By-law No. 15-00 to authorize the designation of the William Cooper House, 37 Arnold Crescent as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

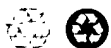
A copy of By-law No. 15-00 is attached for your reference.

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. 15-00

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of
37 Arnold Crescent, William Cooper
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 37 Arnold Crescent, 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 37 Arnold Crescent, more particularly described as Part of Lot 3, Plan 286, Richmond Hill as in R699326 (Pin #03165-0120 (LT)) 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 Registry 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 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000.



Mayor

WILLIAM F. BELL



Clerk

The William Cooper House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

English-born William Cooper worked locally as a professional house painter-glazier from about 1851 until his death in 1872. In addition to his trade as a house painter, Cooper acquired individual building lots, and constructed modest houses for investment and rental income. In March of 1860, he purchased a small village lot from John R. Arnold, on Lot 46, Concession 1, Vaughan Township. It is unlikely that William Cooper ever lived in the frame house at 37 Arnold Crescent. At the time of the 1861 census, he and his wife Mary Ann resided with farmer George Dove at Elgin Mills, then moved to a brick cottage on Yonge Street, in the village of Richmond Hill.

The Coopers did not have any children. The house at 37 Arnold Street was willed to a friend of the family, Andrew Loomis Skeele, who operated a Richmond Hill jewelry store and clock repair shop. The property passed through a succession of owners after Mary Ann Cooper's death in 1878. It was during the ownership of Alex and Helena Patterson (1905-1927) that the circa 1860 house was remodelled with the replacement of the hip roofed verandah with an Edwardian Classical style porch, and possibly some of the other alterations that resulted in the existing form of the building.

The William Cooper house is a modest village residence built in the familiar form of the vernacular Georgian cottage, constructed to provide basic, but comfortable housing for a tradesman and his family. It is typical of the small frame houses scattered throughout the village that were sometimes owner-occupied or rented for income. The one and a half storey, clapboarded house has a medium pitched gable roof with projecting eaves. It has an L-shaped plan and a 3 bay front with a centre door with a one over one double hung wood window on either side. The main door, with its glazed upper section and two raised moulded panels below, is a late Victorian replacement for the original. On the front section of the house, the architraves are flat, but decorated with backband mouldings. Windows on the side and rear walls are typically double hung wooden units with two over two glazing.

The early 20th century porch departs from the Georgian vernacular style of the building, but nevertheless tells the story of the changing tastes and needs of later owners and occupants. It has a gable roof with boxed, projecting eaves and shaped eaves returns. The street facing gable has a false half timbered treatment that once incorporated a wooden keystone with a carved lion's head. The porch is supported on square, tapered wooden columns resting on masonry pedestals.