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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 411-86

A By-law to Designate the property known municipally as 131 Richmond Street as being of Architectural and 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 131 Richmond Street, 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 "A" 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 historical value or interest the real property at 131 Richmond Street more particularly described as the whole of Lot 126 according to Land Registrar's Compiled Plan 12003.
2. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described aforesaid 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. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1986.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1986.

" A. Duffy "

Mayor

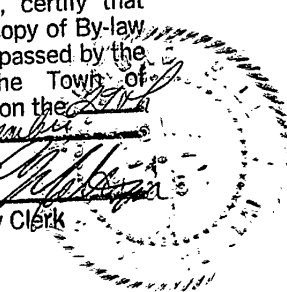
" D. R. Melitzer "

DEPUTY

Clerk

I, DAVID R. MELITZER, Deputy Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, certify that this is a true copy of By-law No. 411-86 passed by the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill on the 29th day of December, 1986.

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 411-86

Reasons for Designation

131 Richmond Street

This house is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The two storey hipped roofed building has a two storey rear wing with gable roof. Side chimneys are centred on the main roof, with another chimney centred at the rear of the wing. The first floor of the rear wing dates to an earlier period, while the main structure was built c 1903.

The large paired windows with dentilled trim are evenly spaced either side of the front door, which has one panel below a single large light with molded sill and carved apron. Centred on the apron is a turn-bell. A three-part transom is separated from the door opening by a dentilled band; single-light sidelights, panelled below, and with sill and apron matching the door, complete the doorway opening.

The upper facade repeats the paired windows of the first floor. Centred between the windows is a panelled motif with sill and cornice. The raised panel bears an elliptical sunburst design, with rondel in the centre. Above the cornice is a semi-circular arch with keystone, surrounding a rayed panel.

The clapboard sheathing is framed by pilasters at the front corners. The rear corners have a pilaster on the side face only, and a corner board on the rear face.

The eaves are supported by open brackets, above a plain frieze topped by a cornice mold.

The flat-headed windows are 1/1 with wooden sills, plain trim and molded architrave as a drip cap. The rear wing has plain eaves, frieze, cornerboards and window trim. The windows are 2/2 with wooden sills and no drip cap.

A hipped roofed verandah spans the front. An enclosed sunporch, with pilasters to match the main house, project from the east ell of house and rear wing. It is a later addition.

Significant interior features are the oak-panelled front hall, with elaborately patterned oak ceiling; and the staircase with oak-panelled side walls, turned balusters supporting a low handrail, and turned cherry newels top and bottom.

Classical-inspired features, Italianate brackets and 20th century window forms are attractively combined. Ready access to trim detailing from the Innes mills is evident. The result is a house which is unique in Richmond Hill.

The house was build c 1903 by John Leslie Innes, son of Leslie Innes of the L. Innes & Sons mills and building firm. John Innes built many houses in the village, including 12/14 Church Street South and 37/39 Centre Street West. He designed the Richmond Hill Public School and Summit View Public School in Stouffville.

The Innes family remained in the house until 1920. In 1945, Walter Scott purchased the home. A respected educator in Richmond Hill, Mr. Scott was honoured by the naming of Walter Scott Public School after him.