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## The Town of Richmond Hill

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By-laws*

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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
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Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act  
Richmond Hill Railway Station  
1378 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill  
and  
Town Farmhouse  
1380 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill  
Our Files: D12 RA/ST and D12 TO/FA

I am pleased to enclose a copy of By-law Nos. 16-93 and 17-93 designating the above mentioned properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please telephone me at extension 3001, or Janet Fayle at 737-7780.

Sincerely,

Sharon Clayton  
Assistant - Clerk's

:sjc  
attach.

c. J. Fayle

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

**BY-LAW NO. 16-93**

A By-law to Designate the Property Known  
Municipally as 1380 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, of  
Historical or Architectural Value or Interest  
(The Town Farmhouse)

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 1380 Elgin Mills Road East, 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 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;

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

1. That the real property located at 1380 Elgin Mills Road  
East, in the Town of Richmond Hill, being part of Lot 26,  
Concession 2, EYS further described as Part 2 on Plan  
65R-16319, 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  
once for each of three consecutive weeks.
3. 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. Schedules "A" attached hereto shall form part of this  
By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk

## SCHEDULE A

The Town Farmhouse is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The farmhouse was built by Thomas F. Boynton, a farmer of English origin, circa 1875. Prior to Boynton's purchase of the east half of Lot 26, Concession 2, Markham Township in 1874, the property had mainly been occupied by tenant farmers. A log house used by the tenants was once located to the west of the existing farmhouse. It was probably never inhabited by the Boynton family since assessment information indicates that Thomas F. BOYNTON lived elsewhere during the construction of the new brick dwelling.

The farm remained in the ownership of subsequent generations of the Boynton family until 1964. The property was acquired by the Town of Richmond Hill for park purposes in 1975. The house currently serves as the Hellenic Canadian Cultural Centre.

The Town Farmhouse is an excellent example of a Classic Ontario Farmhouse, with a distinctive centre gable applied to a basic Georgian form.

Significant exterior features include the T-shaped plan, patterned brick walls, gable roof, front gable with Regency Gothic window, bargeboards and kingpost, six-over-six windows, four-panelled doors, transomed entrance with recessed surround with fluted quarter columns, and bellcast side verandah supported on slender turned posts.

Originally, a full-width verandah existed on the south elevation, with similar detailing to the remaining side verandah. The roof of the house was originally clad in wooden shingles.

Significant interior features include the enclosed central staircase with second storey balustrade consisting of four turned newels, moulded handrails, and turned balusters.