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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 72-98

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 20th day of July, 1998, passed the following resolution concerning 9550 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill:

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.36 and enact proposed By-law No. 72-98 to authorize the designation of the The Headford United Church, 9550 Leslie Street as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

A copy of By-law No. 72-98 is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

Sherry Harrison

Legislative & Projects Advisor

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cc: D. McLarty, Director of Administrative Services

G. Duncan, Heritage Planner





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 72-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of 9550 Leslie Street, the Headford United Church 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 9550 Leslie Street, 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 9550 Leslie Street, being part of Lot 18, Concession 2, in the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York (geographic Township of Markham, County of York), and more particularly described in Schedule "B" 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. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.

Mayor

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Headford United Church & Cemetery Lot 18, Concession 2 9550 Leslie Street 1882

Headford United Church is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The origin of the United Church at Headford goes back to 1850, when Leek's Chapel, a frame Methodist Episcopal Church, was constructed on a ½ acre parcel of the Ritter farm, Lot 18, Concession 2, Markham Township. At the time, the congregation was part of the Markham circuit, formed in 1847, consisting of Leek's, Sparta and Forsyth's. In the 1850's a burying ground was established in association with the church.

By 1882, the congregation had outgrown the original building, and the present brick church was built on the same site to replace it. When the Wesleyan, Primitive and Episcopalian Methodists united in 1884, Headford became a part of the Richmond Hill circuit. With the union of the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists in 1925, Headford became a member of the United Church of Canada.

The simple design of the church follows the Classical architectural tradition of symmetry, with a rectangular plan, a tower incorporating the main entrance centered on the east gable end, and a balanced arrangement of window openings. To the basic Classical form, the designer added elements of the Early Gothic Revival, including lancet windows with wooden sash, a rose window, buttresses, and a steep gable roof. The use of patterned brick, including white brick accents on a background of red brick, is characteristic of mid to late 19th century ecclesiastical architecture, echoing the richly decorated wall surfaces promoted by English philosopher and architectural theorist John Ruskin.

The ornate wrought iron hinges on the double-leaf front doors, are also significant features, as are the marble plaque upon which the original denomination of the church and its date of construction are inscribed, the louvered openings in the tower, the bracketed eaves of the tower's roof, and the balustrade that surmounts the tower. Also significant are the segmentally-headed basement windows and the small wing housing the exterior entrance to the basement.

Significant features of the cemetery include marble and granite headstones marking the resting places of many of the families who settled in the Headford community, including the graves of founding members of the congregation. The earliest burials date back to the 1850's.

SCHEDULE "B"

In the Town of Richmond Hill, The Regional Municipality of York (Geographic Township or Markham, County of York) being part of Lot 18, Concession 2.

Premising that the bearings herein are astronomic and are referred to the Easterly limit of Lot 34 on Registered Plan 65M-2936, having a bearing of North 10° 10' 40' West and relating all bearings herein thereto.

Commencing at the South East Corner of Lot 18, Concession 2;

Thence North 10° 13' 55" West along the Easterly limit of said Lot 18, 26.69 metres;

Thence North 10° 24' 15" West, continuing along the Easterly limit of said Lot 18, 18.75 metres to the South Easterly Corner of Block 35 (0.30 reserve), Registered Plan 65M-2936;

Thence South 73° 38' 55' West along the Southerly limit of Block 35 (0.30 reserve), Lot 6 and Lot 5, Registered Plan 65M-2936, 54.145 metres to the North Easterly Corner of Lot 34, Registered Plan 65M-2936;

Thence South 10° 10' 40' East, along the Easterly limit of Lot 34, Registered Plan 65M-2936, 45.02 metres to the Southerly limit of Lot 18, Concession 2;

Thence North 74° 06' 05' East, along the Southerly limit of said Lot 18, being also the Northerly Limit of Block 146, Block 154 (0.30 reserve) and Block 147 (street widening) on Registered Plan 65M-2869, 54.200 metres to the South East Corner of said Lot 18, being the point of commencement.