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

Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 65-03

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 5th day of May, 2003, passed the following resolution concerning 9875 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill:

- (a) "That the designation of the John Montgomery House/Headford Manse, 9875 Leslie Street, as a a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act be authorized;
- (b) That By-law No. 65-03 be enacted."

A copy of By-law No. 65-03 is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

Legislative & Projects Advisor

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D. McLarty, Director of Administrative Services

G. Duncan, Heritage Planner

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 65-03

A By-law to Authorize the designation of 9875 Leslie Street, the John Montgomery House/Headford Manse 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 9875 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 9875 Leslie Street, being Pt. Lots 19 and 20, Plan 2383, Pin #03140-0016(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 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2003.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2003.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The John Montgomery House/Headford Manse 9875 Leslie Street C.1847

The John Montgomery House/Headford Manse is recommended for designation as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Still in its original location fronting on Leslie Street near Headford Mill Lane, this frame dwelling was probably built as a tradesman's house by Jacob Younge between 1845 and 1850. Originally a three-bay Georgian cottage, it was updated in the third quarter of the 19th Century with the addition of a centre Gothic Revival style gable and vertical tongue and groove siding. It is the only remaining example that reflects the form and styling of the modest houses which constituted the mill village of Headford in its most thriving period in history. It served as the home of the local postmaster and possible the location of Headford's first post office from at least 1857 to 1871.

The owner from the period of 1850 to 1876 was John Montgomery (of Montgomery's Tavern fame) who was a key figure in the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837 which proved to be pivotal in the history of the province. He served as Headford's postmaster from 1863 to about 1870.

Beginning in 1876 and into the 1880s, the dwelling served as the manse or clergy-house for the Headford Methodist Episcopal (later United) Church.

Significant architectural features of this one and a half and one storey house include the L-shaped plan, vertical tongue and groove siding, medium pitched gable roof, centre gable with pointed arched Gothic window and curvilinear bargeboards, beaded window surrounds with shouldered heads and 2 over 2 wooden sash windows. Historical photographs show that the front door surround originally featured a Classical entablature and that the front windows had 12 over 8 glazing, the side windows 6 over 6 and the second storey end wall windows 6 over 3. Louvered shutters once framed the front windows.

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