



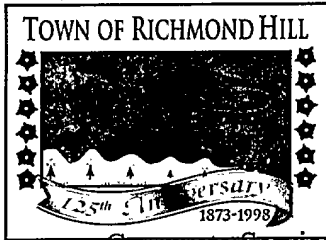
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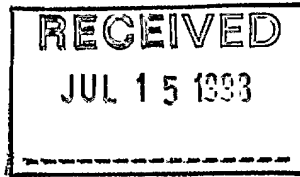
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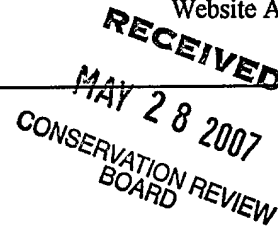
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Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 156-98

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1998, passed the following resolution concerning 9920 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill:

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.60 and enact proposed By-law No. 156-98 to authorize the designation of the The Cyrus Mapes House, 9920 Leslie Street as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

A copy of By-law No. 156-98 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. 156-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
9920 Leslie Street, the Cyrus Mapes 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 9920 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;

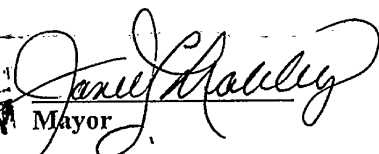
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

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

1. That the real property located at 9920 Leslie Street, being part of the road allowance between Lots 20 and 21, Concession 2 and Part of Lot 20, Concession 2 designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 55R-17254-65R17524/A, 98.02.13 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 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.


DEPUTY Mayor


DEPUTY Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Cyrus Mapes House
East half Lot 20, Con 2, EYS
9920 Leslie Street
1861

The Cyrus Mapes House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

In 1860, Cyrus Mapes built a cabinet maker's shop on a quarter acre of land purchased from John C. Burr, the owner of the Old Mill Farm at Headford. The shop disappeared long ago, but its location was recorded on Tremaine's map of York County, dated 1860. During the summer of 1861, Mapes constructed this modest board and batten clad frame house at the edge of the Headford mill pond, adjoining his place of business. Here, he and his wife Harriett raised a family of eight children.

Cyrus Mapes was a man of many trades, primarily a carpenter and cabinet maker, but also a bee keeper, cider mill operator, and proprietor of an apple butter works. Several pieces of his furniture, found in the house, remain in the possession of his descendants.

The house was willed to daughters Sarah and Harriet (Hattie). For many years, Sarah returned to Headford to spend her summers in her childhood home. The property remained in the family until 1945, after which it once again became part of the Old Mill Farm holdings. The house was rented out until the mid 1990's and left vacant for a period of time before it was relocated to the Horner Farm, 9920 Leslie Street, in 1996, where it has been restored to its original appearance.

The Cyrus Mapes House is a virtually intact example of a mid-19th century tradesman's cottage. Although the scale of the structure is small, architectural details such as the deep eaves returns and large six over six windows are of a size more appropriate for a much more substantial building. This oddity of design has inspired some people to remark that the dwelling has the appearance of a "doll's house". The centre gable is original, but the round-headed window appears to be a later addition.

The T-shaped plan, three-bay facade, and four-panelled doors are also significant architectural features. The front and side verandahs, supported on chamfered posts, have been restored based on clear physical evidence. The red brick chimney at the north end of the 1 ½ storey portion of the building was reconstructed after the move, as was the chimney on the west end of the single storey kitchen wing.