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Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
10066 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
Presbyterian Church Cemetery
and
1700 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill ✓
John Heise Double House
Our Files: D12 PR/CH and D12 JO/HE

I am pleased to enclose a copy of By-law No. 4-93 and By-law No. 5-93 designating the above mentioned properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please telephone me at 771-8800 extension 3001 or Janet Fayle at 737-7780.

Yours truly,

Sharon Clayton

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c. Janet Fayle



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 5-93

A By-law to Designate the Property Known
Municipally as 10066 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, of
Historical or Architectural Value or Interest
(The Presbyterian Church Cemetery)

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 10066 Yonge 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 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:**

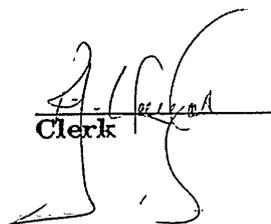
1. That the real property located at 10066 Yonge Street, in the
Town of Richmond Hill, being part of Lot 46, Concession 1,
further described as Part 1 on Plan 65R-16286, is hereby
designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.,
1990, as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
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. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 5-93

The Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church cemetery is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The cemetery was established on the property of Richmond Hill's founder Abner Miles as early as 1806, with the death of Miles himself. However, there is a local tradition that an aboriginal Canadian was buried in this location at a prior date.

The land was formally dedicated as a cemetery in the first quarter of the 19th century when Abner Miles' son James donated five acres of the property inherited by him from his father for the establishment of a Presbyterian church and cemetery. James Miles' prominent position in the life of the early community locally earned him the title of "The Squire".

After Miles' death in 1840, the land he intended to be donated was in fact purchased for the sum of £300 from his heirs because he had not signed the deed.

The earliest religious services on this site prior to the construction of a church building were conducted by Reverend William Jenkins in the open air on the cemetery grounds.

Jenkins, a Scottish immigrant, was a friend of Church of England Bishop John Strachan. He was a pioneer of Presbyterianism in Upper Canada, and helped establish congregations serving Miles' Hill and Markham, Whitchurch and Scarborough Townships.

Many of the area's early families and historical personages are buried here. A sampling of names well-known in the community's history include Abner and James Miles, Reverend William Jenkins, Benjamin Barnard, Colonel David Bridgeford, Amos Wright, John Langstaff and Abraham Law.

The cemetery has a rectangular shape with a central gravelled lane running east-west from the entrance gate in the east fence. The lane circles around a brick vault positioned toward the western boundary fence. Headstones are arranged in north-south rows. The markers are of the slab, block and obelisk styles, and are made of either white marble, limestone or granite. While most stand upright on stone bases, a number lie flat on the ground, having fallen from their original positions. A number of the early markers, which are primarily located in the south-east quarter of the cemetery, exhibit elaborate carved decoration.

The most remarkable feature of the cemetery is an octagonal vault or dead house executed in white brick. Considered by architectural historians to be one of the finest examples of its type in York Region, the building was designed by Aurora architect Thomas Harris and built in 1863.

Octagonal buildings, relatively rare in Ontario, mainly appeared in the mid-19th century as a result of an architectural fad that originated in the United States. Octagonal cemetery vaults are unique to Ontario.

The vault has a single Gothic-arched door opening in its east wall. The door was originally a double batten type made of white oak.

Decorative brick detailing consists of raised quoins, plinth, frieze and voussoirs. The steeply-pitched roof has a conical form. The most refined feature of the building is the rooftop lantern, which is octagonal in shape and surmounted by a copper-clad conical roof with turned finial. Narrow louvred vents with Gothic-arched heads appear on each face of the lantern, framed by narrow colonettes and steeply-pitched gables.