



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

---

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.



*York* ✓  
Office of the Clerk

## The Town of Richmond Hill

P.O. Box 300, 10266 Yonge St.  
Richmond Hill, Ontario  
Canada L4C 4Y5  
Tel: (416) 884-8101  
Fax: (416) 884-9827

October 24, 1990

RECEIVED  
IN THE OFFICE

REGISTERED MAIL

OCT 26 1990

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

ARCHITECTURE AND  
PLANNING  
HERITAGE BRANCH

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act  
Our File: D12 LO

We are enclosing a copy of By-law No. 357-90 designating a property in the Town of Richmond Hill under the above Act. We trust the contents are self-explanatory.

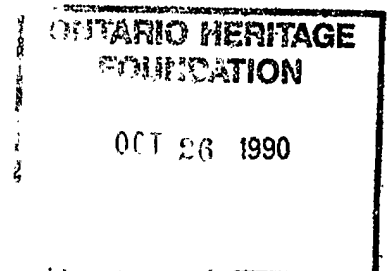
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours truly,

David R. Melitzer  
Deputy Clerk

:sjc  
C:2597

Encl.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL**

**BY-LAW NO. 357-90**

A By-law to Designate the Property Known  
Municipally as 10132 Yonge street, Richmond Hill, of  
Architectural and Historical value or Interest  
(The Lorne Block)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, 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 10132 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;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

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

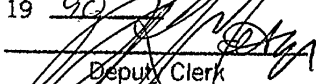
1. That the real property located at 10132 Yonge Street, in the Town of Richmond Hill, being Part of Lots 46 and 47, Concession 1, WYS, being also part of Lots 23, 36, 37, 38 and 39, Plan 481, being also part of Lots 382, 383, 385 and 386 as shown on a Plan of the Village of Richmond Hill compiled by C.R. Reuben O.L.S. and dated 7th January 1938, as described in Instrument 29156, registered in the Land Registry Office for York Region, No. 65, save and except those lands described in Instrument 40390, is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, as being of architectural and historical 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. That the statements contained in Schedule 'A' hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
4. Schedule 'A' attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990.

"Wm. F. Bell"  
**Mayor**

"R.J. Douglas"  
**Clerk**

I, DAVID R. MELITZER, Deputy  
Clerk of the Town of  
Richmond Hill, certify that  
this is a true copy of By-law  
No. 357-90 passed by the  
Council of the Town of  
Richmond Hill on the 15th  
day of OCTOBER  
19 90  
  
Deputy Clerk

## **SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 357-90**

The Lorne Block is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

In 1880, prominent local hotel owner John Palmer Jr constructed this 2 storey, mansard-roofed, patterned brick veneered building just north of his hotel at Yonge and Arnold Streets. The ground floor was designed to include several shops and an engine house for the Fire Brigade. The second floor contained a large public hall and council chamber.

The second storey council chamber was reached through a street level, transomed doorway at the north end of the Yonge Street frontage. The engine house for the Fire brigade's equipment was located directly below the chamber.

Council met at this location, Richmond Hill's first permanent council chamber, for 52 years, from 1880 to 1932. In 1932, meetings were moved to the old 1897 High School, which continues to serve as the Town Hall to the present day. Shortly after the move, the old Council Chamber was relegated to use as a billiard parlour. This space has been vacant for a number of years.

With its distinctive mansard roof, the Lorne Block is readily identified as an example of the Second Empire architectural style. It is the only commercial building of this type remaining in the municipality.

The building is two storeys in height, with the upper storey contained within the mansard roof. Its plan is a long rectangular shape, with a canted south-east corner entrance.

Significant exterior architectural features include the straight-sloping mansard roof with flared eaves on the east, south and west elevations, eight gable-roofed dormers with flat headed 2/2 double hung windows and decorative wood trim; the segmentally-headed transomed entrance to the former Council Chamber on the east elevation; the north-end parapet wall with buff brick veneer, two segmentally-headed 2/2 double hung windows, and red brick voussoirs.