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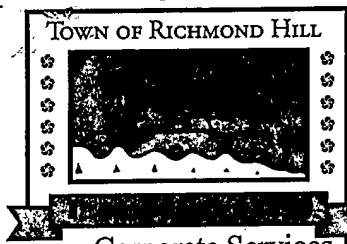


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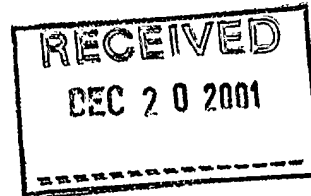
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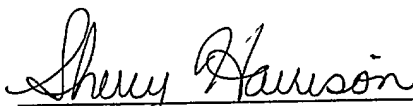
Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 199-01

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 10th day of December, 2001, passed the following resolution concerning 10184 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill:

"That By-law No. 199-01 to authorize the designation of the Old Post Office, 10184 Yonge Street as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act* be enacted."

A copy of By-law No. 199-01 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

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 199-01

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
10184 Yonge Street, the Old Post Office
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 10184 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 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 10184 Yonge Street, being Lot 21, Registrar's Compiled Plan 12003, Pin #03165-0231(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 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.



Mayor



DEPUTY Clerk

SCHEDULE A

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

**The Old Post Office
10184 Yonge Street
1936**

The Old Post Office is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The Dominion of Canada purchased Joseph Hall's former grocery store and residence at the south west corner of Yonge Street and Centre Street West in 1935. In the following year, a new brick post office for the village of Richmond Hill was constructed on the site, designed by the prominent Toronto architectural firm of Forsey Page and Company. The building was officially opened on November 1, 1936, by Colonel W. P. Mulock, Postmaster-General and M.P. for North York. Armand Savage was the local Postmaster at the time. Longtime residents can still recall picking up their mail at this location.

A larger, new Post Office building was constructed on Arnold Crescent in 1960. In 1968, the former Post Office on Yonge Street was sold, and after a \$82,000 renovation became the offices of the Richmond Hill Hydro Electric Commission. When Hydro moved into new offices on Elgin Mills Road East in 1984, the Town of Richmond Hill purchased the property, which it has since leased out as commercial office space.

In its present, remodeled state, the brick walls, limestone accents, door and window openings with their stone surrounds (all currently painted) and flat roof are significant architectural features.

Prior to the alterations, the cubic, flat-roofed form of the building, octagonal accent windows on the north wall, and geometric wall lights on either side of the Yonge Street entrance reflected a restrained Art Deco influence. Otherwise, the architectural details of the building were adaptations of the Georgian Revival and Edwardian Classical styles of the early 20th century. The symmetrical facade, with its transomed centre door and large, multipaned windows with 8 over 12 glazing on the ground floor and 8 over 8 on the second floor, were features of the traditional Georgian Revival. The new building must have evoked a feeling of solidity and permanence as well as expressing confidence in the future of the Nation during the uncertain times of the Great Depression.

The limestone accents on a red brick body, combined with flattened, abstracted Classical details look back to the Edwardian Classical architecture of the 1900s to 1910s. The limited use of modernist Art Deco details was a cautious step out of the generally conservative mode of the overall design. Decorative wrought iron railings mounted on the lower third of the second floor front and north side windows, and a clock in the parapet of the front wall, added further decorative interest.