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REGISTERED MAIL

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Designations under the Ontario Heritage Act

We are enclosing a copy of By-law No. 22-89 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 very Melitz Dæ *⁄*a b⁄ Debuty Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 22-89

A By-law to Designate the property known Municipally as 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill being the former Richmond Hill High School of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 26 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 architectural or historic 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 10266 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 "B" 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 HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property located at 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of 2. this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Land Registry Office.
- The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this 3. 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
- 4. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1989 READ A THIRD TIME/AND PASSED THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1989

PERMIT

Mayor

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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of lands and premises lying and being in the Town of Richmond Hill in the Regional Municipality of York and being composed of Village Part Lot 440.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 22-89

Reasons for Designation

This property is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The north-east portion of the Town Hall was erected in 1897 as the Richmond Hill High School, after a fire had destroyed an earlier high school. The only 19th century high school remaining in the municipality, it once served pupils from all of York County, many of them commuting daily on the Radial Car.

In 1932, Council acquired the then vacant high school for use as a municipal building, Public Library and meeting facilities for various local organizations.

Architecturally, the two storey brick building displays dramatic Mediaeval and Gothic Revival detailing in the High Victorian manner of the 1890's. Its 3-part facade still suggests the earlier boys' and girls' entrances, and is dominated by a projecting central pavilion with oriel window and steeply-pitched front gable.

Other significant features are coloured leaded glass transoms of the oriel window, a blind gothic arch with highly decorated radiating voussoirs, and a flagstaff base secured with iron work strapping of a Mediaeval design. A brick cornice wraps the building; a panelled parapet fronts the blind arch; bartizans bearing a shield-like device arise from each corner of the gable base; and a massive central chimney arises from the steep, slate-clad hip roof. Decorative brick detailing includes corbelling, string courses, raised window aprons, and radiating voussoirs.