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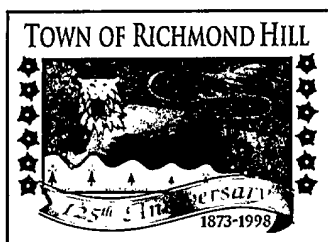


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## The Town of Richmond Hill

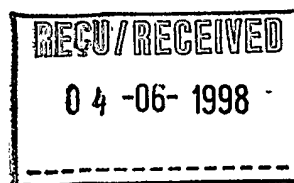
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**Re: Notice of Passing of By-law No. 113-98**

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 19th day of May, 1998, passed the following resolution concerning 11990 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill:

"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.48 and enact proposed By-law No. 113-98 to authorize the designation of the The John Hoover III House, 11990 Leslie Street as a property of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

A copy of By-law No. 113-98 is attached for your reference.

Yours truly,

  
Sherry Harrison  
Legislative & Projects Advisor

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attach.

cc: D. McLarty  
Director of Administrative Services



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

**BY-LAW NO. 113-98**

A By-law to Authorize the designation of  
11990 Leslie Street, the John Hoover III 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 11990 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 11990 Leslie Street, being the East Part Lot 34, Concession 2 EYS, in the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York (geographic Township of Markham, County of York), and more particularly described in Schedule "B" 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" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1998.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk

## **SCHEDULE "A"**

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

**John Hoover House**  
E 1/2 Lot 34, Concession 2 EYS  
11990 Leslie Street  
circa 1860 and 1900

The John Hoover House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

John Hoover I came to Canada from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1811, accompanied by his brothers, Martin and Daniel. He settled on the east halves of Lots 34 and 35, Concession 2, Markham township. The family practiced the Tunker faith. John Hoover married Elisabeth Keffer. Their son, John Hoover II, took over the family farm in 1820, and lived there with his wife, Barbara Heise and their 6 children, in a two-storey log house. One of their children, John Hoover III, is believed to have replaced the log house with the existing timber frame dwelling about the time of his marriage to Sophia Brillinger in 1860.

The property remained in the ownership of the Hoover family until 1934, a period of 123 years, when it was sold to another Pennsylvania German family in the area, the Doners. Earl Norman Doner sold the farm to the Ward family in 1945, who retain ownership to the present day. The late Douglas H. Ward, assisted by other members of his family, assembled a noteworthy collection of antique horse-drawn vehicles here, which were generously donated to the Markham and District Museum by his heirs in the mid 1980's.

The front portion of the house is the original timber frame building, with its distinctive 4-bay front following the classic Pennsylvania German model, with an off-centre door occupying the third bay position. The door is panelled and ornamented with heavy bolelection mouldings, and is equipped with late Victorian embossed hardware. The 2 over 2 windows retain their original wooden sash. The vertical V-groove siding, a type indigenous to Markham Township and vicinity, is a noteworthy feature. The medium-pitched gable roof has a simple moulded soffit and returned eaves. The front verandah has a low-pitched bellcast roof, and was originally supported on camfered posts.

The rear portion of the house, probably built as a doddy house (a separate, self-contained unit for another generation of the same family) circa 1900, is of balloon frame construction, and clad in horizontal clapboard. Both the east and west sides are 3-bay, with transomed centre doors and steep centre gables. The size and shape of the openings on the east wall have been altered. The one over one wooden windows are typical of the late period of construction. The roof detailing is simplified from that seen on the front section of the building, but the returned eaves are repeated as a coordinating feature.

## SCHEDULE B

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Markham, in the County of York, and being composed of:

FIRSTLY: The East half of Lot number 34 in the Second Concession of the said Township of Markham, save and except thereout that portion thereof heretofore conveyed to the James Bay Railway Company by registered Deed No. 10777 for the said Township of Markham; also that portion heretofore sold by David Hoover under Instrument No. 11095 containing two and one-quarter ( $2 \frac{1}{4}$ ) acres; and

SECONDLY: That part of the East half of Lot number 33 in the Second Concession of the said Township of Markham described as follows: Commencing on the west limit of the said East half of said Lot where the same is intersected by the Westerly limit of the right-of-way of the James Bay Railway Company crossing said Lot; thence North along the said West limit of the said East half of said Lot six and two-thirds ( $6 \frac{2}{3}$ ) chains to the North limit of said Lot; Thence easterly along the North limit of said Lot six and one-half ( $6 \frac{1}{2}$ ) chains to the said Western limit of said Railway lands; thence in a South-westerly direction along the West limit of said Railway lands to the point of beginning, and being the lands conveyed to the said David Hoover under registered instrument No. 10998, and containing two and one-quarter ( $2 \frac{1}{4}$ ) acres more or less.