



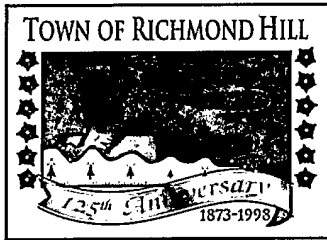
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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following properties, including lands and buildings, as properties of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

First Property

Municipal Address: 12485 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Historical Reference: The Metropolitan Railway Arrestor House and Power House Remnants

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Metropolitan Railway Arrestor House and Power House Remnants are recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The building and foundation ruins are the remnants of the Bond Lake Power House, a steam-operated electrical generating station that supplied power to the Metropolitan Radial Railway when the line was extended north from Richmond Hill in 1899. The facility also supplied Richmond Hill with its first electrical service in 1913. The last operator of the radial railway was the T.T.C., which sold the Bond Lake property and its associated buildings to the Gamble family in 1935. After the line was shut down, the main Power House was demolished, leaving only the Arrestor House annex and sections of the raised stone foundations.



The Arrestor House is a utilitarian, Late Victorian industrial building constructed of white brick. The walls are divided into panels by wide, flat pilasters. Original window openings have segmental heads and Queenston limestone sills. The medium-pitched gable roof has wide, projecting eaves with deep eaves returns. To the west of the Arrestor House are portions of the foundations of the demolished Power House, constructed of rock-faced, squared Queenston limestone.

Second Property

Municipal Address: 12611 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Historical Reference: The John Beverley Robinson Cottage

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The John Beverley Robinson Cottage is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The house was built on or near the site of William Bond's circa 1795 settlement duty house. Bond, a horticulturist in the Town of York, planned to establish a hat factory at Bond Lake, a glacial kettle lake named for its original owner. In 1835, the property was acquired by Chief Justice John Beverley Robinson, who established a summer home there. The Cottage was likely built to house a groundskeeper or farm manager. Bond Lake was purchased by the Metropolitan Radial Railway in 1898, who established a power house, car house and picnic grounds on the property. In 1935, the T.T.C., who absorbed the Metropolitan Railway, sold the site to the Gamble family.

The broad hip roof, low profile and Georgian sense of balance identify 12611 Yonge Street as an example of an Ontario Regency Cottage. the pyramidal roof, gabled dormers, and wide, bracketed eaves are the most notable features of the building. Period windows, where they still exist are 2 over 2 double hung units. Clapboard siding, corner boards, beaded architraves and scroll-sawn brackets remain intact under modern cladding added in 1997. In spite of the dramatic make-over of this vernacular Regency Cottage, the essential form of the original building is still readily discernible.

Third Property

Municipal Address: 12761 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Historical Reference: The John C. Durham Cobblestone Cottage

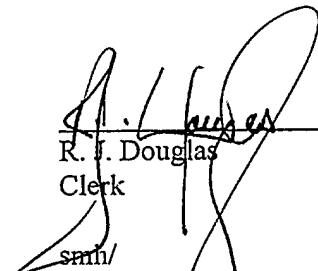
Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The John C. Durham Cobblestone Cottage is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

Standing at the terminus of the bend in Yonge Street around Bond Lake, the cottage is a landmark building. It stands on a portion of the former "Craigmere" estate of John H. C. Durham, who was general manager of the Merchant's Life Insurance Company of Toronto. Durham purchased the Thompson farm in Oak Ridges in 1908, and remodelled the existing farmhouse on the property circa 1912. About 1915, he built the cobblestone cottage for the use of the farm manager. In the 1940's, Craigmere was sold to the Gamble family to add to their Bond Lake holdings.

The Cobblestone Cottage is a one storey dwelling faced with rounded natural riverstone, trimmed with informal quoining and rough hewn voussoirs. the main building is square in plan, with a pyramidal roof. There are exterior stone chimneys on the east and west walls, and a frame addition on the south wall. Windows are typically double hung with 6 over 6 glazing on the main house and 3 over 2 and 2 over 1 on the addition. The front door is sheltered with an open-framed canopy in the Arts and Crafts architectural style.

Notice of objection to the proposed designations, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 4th day of September, 1998. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail. If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.



R. J. Douglas
Clerk

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cc: D. McLarty, Director of Administrative Services
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