



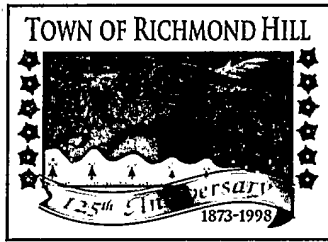
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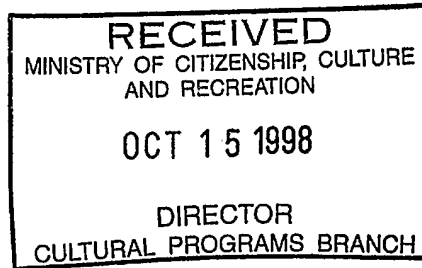
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Re: Notice of Passing of By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 24th day of September, 1998, passed the following resolution concerning 12485 Yonge Street, 12611 Yonge Street and 12761 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill:

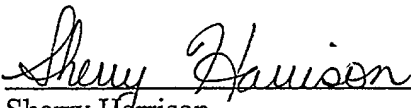
"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.80 and enact proposed By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98 to authorize the designation of:

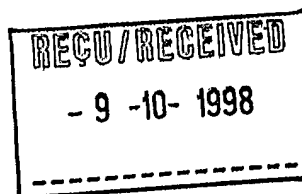
The Arrestor House, 12485 Yonge Street;
The Robinson Cottage, 12611 Yonge Street; and,
The Cobblestone Cottage, 12761 Yonge Street

as properties of historical or architectural value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*."

Copies of By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98 are attached for your reference.

Yours truly,


Sherry Harrison
Legislative & Projects Advisor



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attach.

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. 206-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
12485 Yonge Street, the Arrestor 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 12485 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 12485 Yonge Street, being Lot 62, Concession 1, EYS 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 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.



Mayor

DEPUTY



Clerk

Schedule "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Metropolitan Railway Arrestor House
and Power House Remnants
12485 Yonge Street
Lot 62, Concession 1, EYS
circa 1899

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 the village of Richmond Hill with its first electrical service in 1913. The Power House was one of a series of buildings constructed at Bond Lake circa 1899 to serve the needs of the radial railway. The lake provided an abundant water supply required for the steam-powered generation process, and created an opportunity for the company to establish a recreational park for its employees and customers. The Bond Lake Power House was later converted to a substation.

The Toronto and York Radial Railway took over the Metropolitan line in 1904. The Ontario Hydro Electric Railways next operated the line, until it was assumed by the Toronto Transportation Commission (T.T.C.) in 1927. By 1930, the line north of Richmond Hill was abandoned, and in 1935, the Bond Lake property and its associated buildings was sold to the Gamble family. The Power House was largely demolished in 1931-32. Some of the materials were used to build a new Gamble residence on the lake in 1936. The Arrestor House, an annex of the main Power House, remained intact and was converted to a dwelling.

The Arrestor House is a utilitarian, Late Victorian industrial building, constructed of white brick, with a rectangular plan. The brick is laid in common bond, divided into panels by shallow, wide brick pilasters on all four corners, with intermediate pilasters on both the east and west walls. Original window openings have an upright rectangular shape with segmentally-arched heads decorated with radiating voussoirs. Window sills are rock-faced Queenston limestone. Three infilled circular holes over the westerly windows indicate a former mechanical connection to the demolished Power House. The medium-pitched gable roof has wide, projecting eaves with deep eaves returns.

Portions of the raised foundations of the demolished Power House are located to the west of the Arrestor House. The foundations are constructed of rock-faced, squared Queenston limestone laid in a broken range pattern. The largest foundation remnant contains a small window, and has been converted to a storage shed with the addition of a roof and end wall.

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