



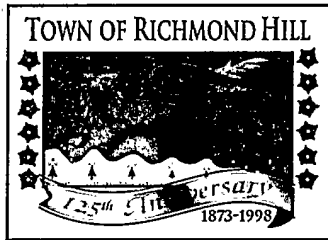
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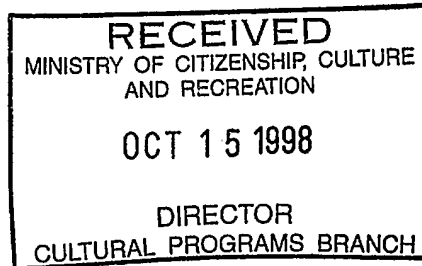
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Re: Notice of Passing of By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98

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:

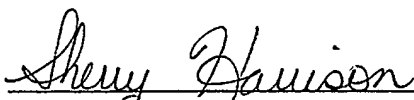
"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.80 and enact proposed By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98 to authorize the designation of:

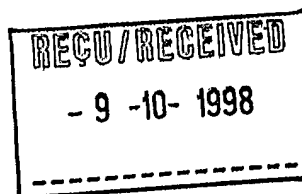
The Arrestor House, 12485 Yonge Street;
The Robinson Cottage, 12611 Yonge Street; and,
The Cobblestone Cottage, 12761 Yonge Street

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. 208-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
12611 Yonge Street, the Robinson Cottage
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 12611 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 12611 Yonge Street, being Lot 63, 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

John Beverley Robinson Cottage
12611 Yonge Street
Lot 63, Concession 1, EYS
circa 1835

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

Lot 63, Concession 1, Whitchurch Township, was patented by William Bond, horticulturist, of the Town of York, in 1798. The 190 acre lot contains the northerly portion of Bond Lake, a glacial kettle lake, named for its original owner. Bond planned to construct a hat factory on the site, and in addition to building a settlement duty house, is said to have constructed a number of log houses in which to house the workers. The plan never came to fruition, and the property was offered for sale in 1804.

After a series of land transactions, Bond's property was purchased by Chief Justice John Beverley Robinson of Family Compact fame, to become the site of his summer residence, now known only by a undated, blurred photograph. The modest dwelling at 12611 Yonge Street was built during Robinson's period of ownership from 1835 to the 1860's possibly to house a groundskeeper or farm manager. Careful examination of interior mouldings indicates an early date of construction. There is a local tradition that the Robinson Cottage was built near the site of William Bond's circa 1795 settlement duty house; the present building may in fact stand on those early foundations.

Charles D. Warren of the Metropolitan Railway purchased the Bond Lake property in 1898, and by 1900, the radial railway was extended north from Richmond Hill. At Bond Lake, a power house, car house and picnic grounds were established. By 1930, the radial railway, then under the control of the T.T.C. had ceased operation north of Richmond Hill, and the Bond Lake property was sold to the Gamble family in 1935. Michael Gamble Clarke was the last of the family to occupy 12611 Yonge Street.

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 hip roof, the distinctive gable-roofed 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 dating from the latter decades of the 19th century. Clapboard siding, corner boards, beaded architraves and scroll-sawn brackets were concealed under modern cladding during renovations that took place in 1997, but remain intact under this recent layer. In spite of the dramatic make-over of this vernacular Regency Cottage, the essential form of the original building remains readily discernible.