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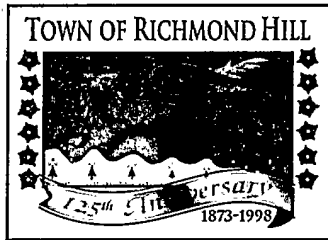


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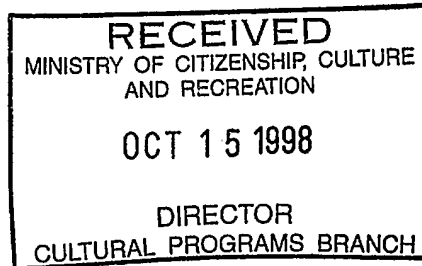
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**Re: Notice of Passing of By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98**

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:

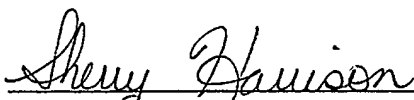
"That Council receive Staff Report SRCSD.98.80 and enact proposed By-law Nos. 206-98, 207-98 and 208-98 to authorize the designation of:

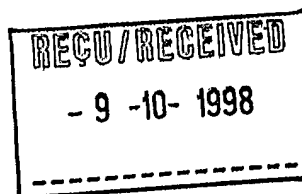
The Arrestor House, 12485 Yonge Street;  
The Robinson Cottage, 12611 Yonge Street; and,  
The Cobblestone Cottage, 12761 Yonge Street

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. 207-98**

A By-law to Authorize the designation of  
12761 Yonge Street, the Cobblestone 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 12761 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;

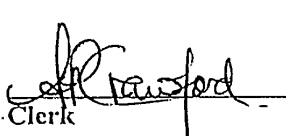
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property located at 12761 Yonge Street, being Lot 64, 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.

  
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Mayor

  
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DEPUTY Clerk

## Schedule "A"

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

John C. Durham Cobblestone Cottage  
12761 Yonge Street  
Lot 64, Concession 1 EYS  
circa 1915

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 signifying the entrance to the Oak Ridges community from the south. It stands on a portion of the former "Craigmore" estate established by businessman John H. C. Durham between 1908 and 1912. Durham (1869-1957) was the general manager of the Merchant's Life Insurance Company, located in the Confederation Life building at Yonge and Richmond Streets in the City of Toronto.

After purchasing the Thompson farm on the west half of Lot 64, Concession 1, Whitchurch Township in 1908, Durham enlarged and extensively remodelled the circa 1850 brick farmhouse on the property and moved there from 93 Elm Avenue in Rosedale. In addition to this work in the insurance business, J. H. C. Durham farmed his Oak Ridges estate. The cobblestone cottage, located to the south west of the brick house, was built about 1915 to house the farm manager.

J. H. C. Durham retired from the firm in 1920. The Craigmore farm was sold to the Gamble family in the 1940's to add to their holdings at Bond Lake. In 1997, the manor house was demolished, leaving the cobblestone cottage as the only remnant of Durham's Oak Ridges estate.

The Cobblestone Cottage is a one storey dwelling faced in rounded natural riverstone, accented with informal stone quoining, and rough-hewn stone voussoirs over door and window openings. The main building's plan is square, oriented to the north, with a clapboarded frame addition on the south wall, giving the entire structure and overall L-shape. The pyramidal roof has open, projecting eaves with exposed rafters. There are heavy, exterior stone chimneys roughly centered on the east and west walls.

The north facade is three-bay, with a central wooden slab door with six lights, flanked by a 6 over 6 double hung window on each side. The front entrance is sheltered with a shed-roofed, open frame canopy in the Arts and Crafts architectural style. Windows on the other walls of the main house are also 6 over 6, but on the addition vary between a 3 over 2 and 2 over 1 glazing configuration.