



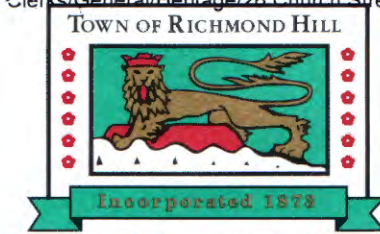
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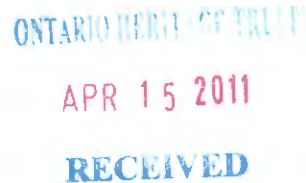
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April 14, 2011

Mr. Sean Fraser
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Dear Sir:

**Re: Notice of the Passing of By-law No. 26-11
Robert Hewison House and Hewison-Skeele House and Shop
Lot 9, Plan 7032
26 Church Street South and 10155-10157 Yonge Street
Town of Richmond Hill
Town File Nos.: D12-07150 and D12-07458**

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 28th day of March, 2011, passed the following resolution concerning Lot 9, Plan 7032, 26 Church Street South and 10155-10157 Yonge Street, Robert Hewison House and Hewison-Skeele House and Shop:

By-law No. 26-11, A By-law to Authorize the Designation of 26 Church Street South and 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Moved by: Councillor Papa
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That By-law No. 26-11 be taken as read a first and second time.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by: Councillor Papa
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Spatafora

That By-law No. 26-11 be taken as read a third time and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same and have the seal of the Corporation attached thereto.

Carried Unanimously

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A copy of By-law No. 26-11 is attached. A copy of the By-law was sent to the Land Registry Office and was registered on April 1, 2011 against the properties affected.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Arsenault', written in a cursive style.

Helen Arsenault
Legislative & Policy Advisor

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Attachment

- c. Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk
- c. Antonio Dimilta, Assistant Town Solicitor
- c. Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 26-11

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of
26 Church Street South and 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street
under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of cultural heritage 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 26 Church Street South and 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, 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 the designation are set out in Schedule "A" and attached to By-law No. 26-11;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board dismissed without a hearing the only objection received;

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

1. That the real property located at 26 Church Street South and 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street, being Lot 9, Plan 7032, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York [PIN NO. 03172-0200], are hereby designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O 1990., Chapter 0.18, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-law, together with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property to be served on the owner of the property and on the Trust, and publish a notice of the By-law 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. Schedule "A" attached to By-law No. 26-11 is declared to form a part of this By-law.

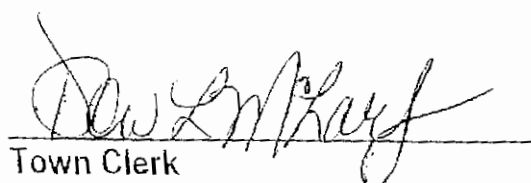
READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.



Mayor

David E. Smith
Mayor



Town Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 26-11

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION ROBERT HEWISON HOUSE and HEWISON-SKEELE HOUSE AND SHOP 26 Church Street South and 10155-10157 Yonge Street

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The houses located on 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street and 26 Church Street South are a heritage resource which has design value, historical value and contextual value according to the Ontario Regulation 9/06.

The property has design value because the 1840's portion of the building is a rare example of the small-scale, roughcast, frame shops building typology that lined Yonge Street in the early days of village development with a modest frame house that still stands at the rear of the property facing Church Street. The 1840's portion of the building is possibly the oldest building in continuous commercial use remaining in the Richmond Hill Village Core. The 1879 residence added to the rear of the Yonge street frame shop created the vernacular, L-shape which is a representative example of the combined shop and residences type built along main streets in the mid to late 19th century.

The property has historical value because it yields information that contributes to an understanding of Richmond Hill's urban development, particularly the Old Village Core of Richmond Hill where within the same lot existed the duality of uses; one mixed commercial/residential for Yonge and one solely residential for Church Street. From 1840 until 2004, the property was owned by Hewison or Skeele descendants who were the original builders and shopkeepers on this site. Andrew Loomis Skeele, an itinerant clock and watch repairer from Arcade, New York, bought the property in 1878, and in 1879 remodelled the 1840's building making the typical L-shape combination of store and residence. The first public telephone north of Toronto was established here. A grocery store was added in 1890, which continued under several different managers until 1959. Most of the buildings built since 1840 until recently, are still present on this property and therefore it is still possible to interpret the historical continuity of this property through its buildings. Historical value of this property is increased by the sum of all three buildings still present on the property.

The property has contextual value because all three structures on the property are in their original location and have a tangible and direct link to the origins of the Old Village of Richmond Hill and are supporting and maintaining the character of both Church Street South and Yonge Street.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The Heritage Attributes of the Hewison-Skeele House and Shop located on 10155 and 10157 Yonge Street are confined within the original footprint of the 1840's original structure and the 1879 addition. The two structures together create a 2 storey L shaped building. The Heritage Attributes are all four elevations and the original roof pitch and are described as follows:

- The original 1840's open gable roof form and pitch, the original roof form and pitch of the 1879 addition, and original rafters of both buildings;
- West elevation overall form and original framing of both buildings, second storey two window openings of the 1840's portion and the three window openings of the 1879 addition;
- The north elevation overall form and original framing of both buildings, second storey window opening of the 1840's portion; and the three window openings of the 1879 addition centred vertically one above the other at ground floor, second floor and attic,
- South elevation overall form and original framing of both 1840's and 1879 buildings, three second floor window openings, one ground floor window opening; and
- East elevation overall form of the 1879 building and original framing, two second storey window openings, two ground storey window openings.

The Heritage Attributes of the Robert Hewison House are all four elevations within the L-shaped footprint and the original roof form, original rafters and pitch, and are described as follows:

- East elevation overall form and original framing, original rubble stone foundation, two ground floor windows and trim flanking the main entry door and trim;
- North elevation overall form and original framing, second storey window and trim of the main building, one second storey window and trim and two ground storey windows and trim of the east-west wing portion of the L-shaped structure and the accompanying door opening and porch;
- West elevation overall form and original framing, second storey window and frame; and
- South elevation overall form and original framing, two second storey windows and trim and one ground storey window and trim.