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September 17, 2013

Mr. Sean Fraser  
The Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Sir:

**Re: Notice of the Passing of By-law No. 11-13  
Dr. Duncumb's Hall  
Part of Lots 4 and 5, Plan 470 & being Parts 1, 2 and 3 on 64R6068  
10027 Yonge Street  
Town of Richmond Hill  
Town File No.: D12-07432**

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, passed the following resolution concerning Part of Lots 4 and 5, Plan 470, and being Parts 1, 2 and 3 on 64R6068, municipally known as 10027 Yonge Street, Town of Richmond Hill (*Dr. Duncumb's Hall*):

That the following By-laws be passed:

By-law No. 11-13, A By-law to Authorize the Designation of 10027 Yonge Street (*Dr. Duncumb's Hall*) under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Carried

A copy of By-law No. 11-13 is attached. A copy of the By-law was sent to the Land Registry Office and was registered on September 11, 2013 as Instrument Number YR 2031772 against the properties affected.

Yours truly,

Donna L. McLarty  
Town Clerk

DLM/ha  
Attachment

- c. Antonio Dimilta, Assistant Town Solicitor
- c. Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design
- c. [REDACTED]



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 11-13

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of  
10027 Yonge Street (*Dr. Duncumb's Hall*)  
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 10027 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 Designate to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule "A" and attached to By-law No. 11-13;

**AND WHEREAS** the Conservation Review Board dismissed without a hearing the only objection received and withdrawn;

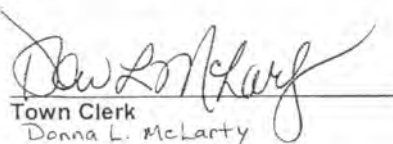
**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the real property located at 10027 Yonge Street, being Part of Lots 4 and 5, Plan 470, and being Parts 1, 2 and 3 on 64R6068, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York [PIN NO. 03172-0230 (LT)], is 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. That Schedule "A" attached to By-law No. 11-13 is declared to form a part of this By-law.

PASSED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.



Mayor Dave Barrow  
Mayor



Town Clerk  
Donna L. McLarty

## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 11-13

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Dr. Duncumb's Hall  
10027 Yonge Street

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Dr. Duncumb's Hall is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its design and historical value.

The property contains significant design value as an early and rare example of classical revival architecture in a public building within the Town of Richmond Hill. The building was constructed between 1857 and 1861 for Dr. John Duncumb who was a prominent early resident of Richmond Hill for use as both a public courthouse and private residence. The building is recognized as one of the earliest masonry structures within the village. In 1881, the property was sold and renovated by the Nicholls family as a residential dwelling and is an early example of a 19th century adaptive reuse within the Town.

The property contains significant historical value as well as associative value. Historically, the building is significant in relation to the early development of the village of Richmond Hill. The establishment of a formal courthouse within the village is a significant civic moment as it reflects the growth of governance in the community and the increasing prominence of Richmond Hill during the mid-19th century. After his dismissal as a Justice of the Peace in 1863, Dr. Duncumb converted the courthouse to a public hall. The hall is associated as being the first place of worship for the St. Mary's Anglican congregation from 1864 to 1872, after which the congregation relocated across the street at its current location at 10030 Yonge Street. In addition to its use as a place of worship, the hall provided a place of assembly for community events, organization meetings and traveling exhibitions within the emerging community. The building is also significant as it reflects the ideas of Dr. John Duncumb, who financed and built the Hall to serve as both his residence and a community courthouse, fulfilling his ambitions to serve as "judge, lawyer, magistrate, jury, etc."

The property contains contextual significance as it defines, maintains and supports the historic character of the original village of Richmond Hill. The building is visually and historically linked to the growth and development of the community in the 19th century. The building also forms a significant landmark within the community as a gateway to the historic village along Yonge Street.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior and interior attributes that contribute to the Classical Revival design value of the Dr. Duncumb Hall include its:

- Two-storey, three-bay plan main hall building;
- Red brick construction, laid in common bond;
- Pitched gable roof;
- Fan window with radiating brick window voussoir contained in the west gable pediment;
- Classically inspired return eaves containing a plain fascia and frieze with slight moulding;
- Flat headed window openings with wood lugsills; and
- Second floor meeting hall space with coved plaster ceiling (concealed in attic space).

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the adaptive residential character of the Dr. Duncumb Hall include its:

- Two-storey, pitched gable rear addition containing south facing enclosed sun/sleeping porches;
- Front veranda with Doric supporting columns on masonry bases; and
- Horizontal casement windows on the north and south elevations containing leaded glass art windows with brick voussoirs and wood lugsills.

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the contextual value of Dr. Duncumb Hall include:

- Its location in the village core, and visual relationship to St. Mary's Anglican Church; and
- Its prominent frontage on Yonge Street, North of Major Mackenzie Drive which marks the historic southern gateway entrance to the Village of Richmond Hill.