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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Registered Mail

September 25, 2014

Mr. Jim Leonard
The Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Re: Notice of the Passing of By-law No. 115-14
John Langstaff Jr. House
Part of Lot 48, Concession 1, WYS, more particularly described as
Being Part 1 on Plan RS64R7162
255 Mill Street
Town of Richmond Hill
Town File No.: D12-07339

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, at its meeting held on the 8th day of September, 2014, passed the following resolution concerning Part of Lot 48, Concession 1, WYS, more particularly described as being Part 1 on Plan RS64R7162, Town of Richmond Hill, municipally known as 255 Mill Street (*John Langstaff Jr. House*):

That the following By-laws be passed:

By-law No. 115-14, A By-law to Authorize the Designation of 255 Mill Street
(*John Langstaff Jr. House*) under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Carried

A copy of By-law No. 115-14 is attached. A copy of the By-law was sent to the Land Registry Office and was registered on September 11, 2014 as Instrument Number YR2185483 against the property 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], 255 Mill Street, Richmond Hill ON L4C 4B4



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 115-14

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of
255 Mill Street (*John Langstaff Jr. House*)
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 255 Mill 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. 115-14;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Town Clerk within the period prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

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

1. That the real property located at 255 Mill Street, described as Part of Lot 48, Concession 1, W.Y.S., being Part 1 on Plan 64R7162, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York [PIN No. 03167-0185 (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. 115-14 is declared to form a part of this By-law.

PASSED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.



Mayor Dave Barrow
Mayor



Town Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 115-14

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

**John Langstaff Jr. House
255 Mill Street**

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The John Langstaff Jr. House located at 255 Mill Street is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for physical/design, historical/associative and contextual reasons.

The building was constructed in 1847 for John Langstaff Jr. who was the manager of the Langstaff Mill which was located nearby on the south side of Mill Street at the Mill Pond. The house is a simple example of the vernacular Loyalist/Georgian style that was popular in Ontario during the first half of the nineteenth century.

The structure contains physical/design value as a representative example of a simple vernacular Loyalist/Georgian dwelling. The façade's balanced windows and central door with a classical surround are hallmarks of this style.

The associative value of the property primarily relates to the Langstaff family who owned and operated a mill at the Mill Pond in the early 1830s. In 1847, John Jr. took over the operation of the mill and constructed this house. He successfully operated the mill and became a prominent member of the early Richmond Hill Community. The success of the mill helped to spawn the first development of Richmond Hill away from Yonge Street as other industries that relied upon the mill and the Don River began to develop. As such, this site is directly associated with the early development of Richmond Hill and Mill Street as an early source of power and employment. Today, the house remains as one of the last vestiges of the mill development that once dominated Mill Street. It is also one of only a handful of remaining cottages associated with the Langstaff Mill that remain on Mill Street.

The property contains contextual value due to its relationship to the Mill Pond which are historically and visually linked to each other. Due to its recognized value to the local community as a historic home, it may be considered a local landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the Colonial Revival design value of 255 Mill Street include the following:

- The building scale, massing and form;
- Understated yet straightforward example of the vernacular loyalist/Georgian architectural style, such as the façade's balanced windows and central door case with classical surround;
- The building's horizontal wood cladding, representative of mid-nineteenth century techniques;
- The building's setting, including its setback and location behind a dense screen of cedar and spruce trees and on an uphill gradient, which together create a sense of historic and residential character; and
- The building's proximity to the Mill Pond.