



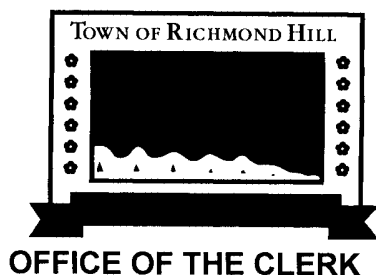
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Registered Mail

September 22, 2011

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

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Dr. Duncumb's Hall
Plan 470, Part of Lots 4 and 5, RS64R6068 Parts 1 to 3
10027 Yonge Street
Town of Richmond Hill
Town File No.: D12-07432**

Richmond Hill Town Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2011 passed the following resolution with respect to the heritage designation of the property located at 10027 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario:

- "a) That SRPRS.11.119 regarding the heritage merit of the property located at 10027 Yonge Street be received;
- b) That Council deny the de-listing of 10027 from the *Town of Richmond Hill Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Importance* due to the significant cultural heritage value and interest contained within the property;
- c) That Council move to designate the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* due to its significant cultural and heritage value as defined by Regulation 9/06.

And further, that the extract from the Heritage Richmond Hill meeting HRH#05-11 held on May 17, 2011 regarding the property located at 10027 Yonge Street be received."

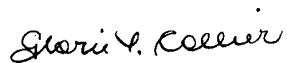
Attached please find the Notice of Intention to Designate 10027 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
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This Notice was published in the Town's local paper, the *Liberal*, on Thursday, September 22, 2011, and as set out in the Notice, an objection must be filed by October 24, 2011.

If you have any questions, please call me at 905-747-6363 or e-mail at gcollier@richmondhill.ca.

Yours truly,



Gloria T. Collier
Deputy Clerk

Attachment

cc. Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk
Antonio Dimilta, Assistant Town Solicitor
Joanne Leung, Manager of Urban Design
Matthew Sommerville, Heritage and Urban Design Planner

Public Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL,
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO HEREAFTER DESCRIBED

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including land and building, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18., as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, amended 2005.

Property Description: Plan 470, Part of Lots 4 and 5, RS64R6068 Parts 1 to 3

Municipal Address: 10027 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Town File No.: D12-07432

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 a 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.

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to the proposed designation shall, within 30 days after the publication of this notice, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, a Notice of Objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day to appeal the proposed designation is October 24, 2011. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by Registered Mail.

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DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.