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The Town of Richmond Hill

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1980, R.S.O. CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation, 77 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337:

Municipal Address
10,100 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario (known as M.L. McConaghy Public School)

Reasons for Proposed Designation
M.L. McConaghy Public School is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. The school stands on the site donated for school use by James Miles in the early 1800s. This site has been in continuous use for educational purposes ever since.

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The school was designed and built in 1915 by two local men, John Innes of L. Innes and Sons, and William Graham, an active builder in Richmond Hill in the first quarter of the 20th century. It was later named for Mary Lillian McConaghy, who had taught there for 40 years, and who was a great niece of James Miles.

The school is built in the Queen Anne Revival style. Significant features are the 3-part facade with central projection, the half-circular fanlight over the north door, the dentils under the boxed cornice of the eaves, the triangular broken pediment at the roof line and the smaller pediments around the square belfry. Also significant are the wrought iron weathervane, the original school name and date carved in a T-shaped stone under the central arch, and the initials of former students carved in the brickwork.

Sitting on the height of land in the historic core of Richmond Hill, McConaghy contributes to the unique skyline of the Town.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 8th day of March, 1985.

DATED at the Town of Richmond Hill in The Regional Municipality of York this 4th day of February, 1985.

R. J. Douglas, A.M.C.T.

The Corporation of the Town

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