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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

# BY-LAW

Number 213-2005

To designate the property at 4494 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Community Hall) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, (R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18 as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the properties described herein;

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at 4494 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Community Hall) more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The City Solicitor shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 4494 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Community Hall) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brampton as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. The City Clerk shall publish notice of this by-law to be published in accordance with the Act.
5. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
5. The affidavit of Leonard J. Mikulich attached, as Schedule "C" hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2005.

Approved as to form <i>C. [Signature]</i> 09 11 05
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*Susan Fennell*  
SUSAN FENNELL - MAYOR

*T. Brenton*

~~LEONARD JOSEPH MIKULICH - CLERK~~  
T. Brenton, Acting Clerk

Approved as to Content:

*Karl Walsh*

Karl Walsh, Director, Community Design, Parks Planning and Development

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 213-2005**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, ND (the former Toronto Gore), as in TG5371, except Part 6 on Plan  
43R-1545, Brampton

PIN 14211-0022 (LT)

## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 213-2005

### SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF EBENEZER COMMUNITY HALL (FORMER EBENEZER SCHOOLHOUSE)

The Ebenezer Community Hall (former Ebenezer Schoolhouse) holds cultural heritage value. Significant built, historical and contextual heritage attributes are present. The property may also hold some archaeological potential.

The property is well preserved. The building and grounds vividly document the design, construction and uses of rural, one-room schools in the fashion promoted by Dr. Edgerton Ryerson, the "father" of the Ontario education system. Ebenezer School was erected as a 'union school', serving the boundary areas between Toronto-Gore and Vaughan townships. Since the building has been altered little since construction, it serves as a vivid reminder of early education history in Ontario.

One-room schoolhouses, especially such well-preserved examples, are particularly rare in Peel Region. J. Mason (likely local builder, Josiah Mason) prepared the plans and specifications. Harry Hill, mason and plasterer and Frank Hewgill, carpenter, painter and tinsmith, built the school in 1892. The school opened in November 1892 and operated continuously until 1962.

Ebenezer School also holds the distinction of being the last surviving township hall in Brampton. Between 1962 and 1973 the building served as the Toronto-Gore township council chambers.

The property also reflects the history of Brampton - particularly its rural legacy. The Ebenezer Schoolhouse (Ebenezer Community Hall) is directly linked to the rural environment. It is a tangible and well-preserved symbol of the history and development of the area.

The site and contextual attributes, such as landmark status and the visual interactions of buildings and elements at the intersection of Gore and Ebenezer Roads, help form one of the most intriguing and unique cultural landscapes in Brampton. The building is a focal point at the intersection of Gore and Ebenezer Roads for several generations. It also holds significant landmark status and is directly associated, both visually and historically, to the equally significant Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel. It is also linked historically to the site of the now demolished Toronto Gore Township Council Chamber. As lands on the urban fringes of the City are acquired for re-development, intact rural cultural landscapes such as this are disappearing.

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing, construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

To ensure that the cultural heritage significance of this property remains intact, certain heritage attributes are to be conserved, and they include:

#### Architectural Heritage Attributes:

Rectangular plan; steeply pitched gable roof; wooden belfry with decorative wooden elements and a metal weathervane; imbrication cedar shingling over gable-end of front façade; coursed field stone foundation; unpainted, soft-clay, red brick façade laid in common bond; brick buttresses along both side facades; tapering brick water table above foundation and running the length of both side facades; brick corbel under eaves of east and west facades; brick voussoirs over windows; simple fascia and soffits with cornice mouldings; a painted wooden sign displaying, "Ebenezer Community Hall" at gable end (possibly obscuring a date stone); pediment shaped front porch with half round grill and wood cornice mouldings outlining fascia boards of the pediment; wooden sash windows; stone lug sills under windows; "Queen Anne" upper window sashes on side facades; inscriptions by past students carved into bricks, some dating to the mid 1940s.

Tongue-in-groove wood paneling and wainscoting on walls and ceiling; Eastlake style boxed beams, outlined with simple wood trim, decorative fluting and scroll brackets; wood cornice mouldings; two built-in wood cabinets on north wall; prominent wood surrounds on windows; open floor plan; all surviving from building's former use as a one room school.

#### Historical Heritage Attributes:

The historical heritage attributes reflect the history of Brampton - particularly its vanishing rural legacy. They also help illustrate the historical trends in the Ontario education system, the local history of the Gore-Ebenezer area and other elements of history.

Built in 1892 as 'union school'; operated continuously as a school until 1962; between 1962 and 1973 was used as Toronto Gore township council chambers; only surviving township hall in Brampton.

Contextual Heritage Attributes:

Prominent architectural landmark for over 100 years; important symbol of rural heritage in an area that is quickly being urbanized; one of only two heritage structures left at intersection of Gore and Ebenezer Roads; several visual, historical and architectural links with Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and with the site of the former Toronto Gore Township Council chambers and farmstead property of early settler, James Sleightholm.

The intersection at Gore and Ebenezer Roads is a cultural heritage landscape. The Ebenezer Schoolhouse (Ebenezer Community Hall) is directly linked to the rural environment. It is a tangible and well-preserved symbol of the history and development of the area. It also holds significant landmark status and is directly associated, both visually and historically, to the equally significant Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel. It is also linked historically to the site of the now demolished Toronto Gore Township Council Chamber. As lands on the urban fringes of the City are acquired for re-development, intact rural cultural landscapes such as this are disappearing rapidly.

The short statement of reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report: Statement of Reason for Heritage Designation, constitute the "reason for heritage designation" required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.