THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 410-88

A By-law to Designate the property known Municipally as 34 Oxford Street as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 26 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic 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 34 Oxford Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

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

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property located at 34 Oxford Street more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- 2. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Land Registry Office.
- 3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause Notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
- 4. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 11th DAY OF October, 1988

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 11th DAY OF October, 1988

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SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 410-88

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of lands and premises lying and being in the Town of Richmond Hill in the Regional Municipality of York and being composed of Lot 45, Plan 1931.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 410-88

Reasons for Designation

This property is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons.

This frame building in the Classic Ontario style retains elements of an earlier period, with strongly articulated return eaves at the gable ends, and at the centre gable where they form a broken pediment reminiscent of Classical Revival architecture.

Simplicity of line, symmetry and proportion reflect the Georgian Period. Significant features are the balanced centre hall, 3 bay plan, corbelled brick interior chimneys, each with a course of umbrication and flat-headed double hung windows, with wooden lugsills and dripcaps.

The scored stucco surface of the rear wing was a deliberate attempt to replicate the ashlar cut stone.

The side hill location permits ground level access to the rear basement, with its rubblestone walls.

The house was apparently built by James Simpson, Jr. about 1865, as a farm house. Its continued existence amid the surrounding urbanization reminds the community of our rural origins. Its orientation to Yonge Street reflects the importance of our major transportation route.