

## The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill

### By-law 87-17

A By-law to Authorize the Designation of  
13200 Yonge Street  
**(Oak Ridges Public School)**  
Under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Whereas Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.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 13200 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to 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 87-17;

And Whereas a Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served on the Town Clerk within the period prescribed by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

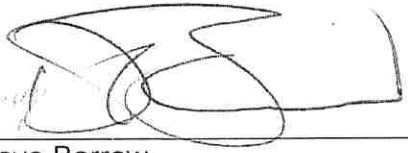
And Whereas the Objector withdrew the objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the property;

The Council of The Corporation of The Town of Richmond Hill enacts as follows:

1. That the real property located at 13200 Yonge Street, being LT 155 PL 202 KING; LT 156 PL 202 KING; PT LT 1 PL 202 KING AS IN KI25392 EXCEPT EXPROP PL IF190; PT LT 110 PL 202 KING AS IN A18238A & A38477A; PT LT 67 CON 1 KING AS IN KI13767 EXCEPT EXPROP PL IF190 & PT 5 EXPROP PL B57500B; RICHMOND HILL; Regional Municipality of York [PIN NO. 03199-0046 (LT)], is hereby designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the Town 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 Passing 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 described in Schedule "A" in the Land Registry Office.
4. That Schedule "A" attached to By-law 87-17 is declared to form a part of this By-law.

Passed this 25th day of September, 2017.



Dave Barrow  
Mayor



Stephen M.A. Huycke  
Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 87-17

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION 13200 Yonge Street Oak Ridges Public School

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property located at 13200 Yonge Street (Oak Ridges Public School) contains direct associative/historical and contextual value. The property has been directly associated with the act of teaching since the construction of the first frame school in 1854.

The c.1854 Oak Ridges Public School (also known as the Union School Section No. 1), was constructed soon after the *Common School Act* for Upper Canada (1850), which created school sections as the smallest unit for the administration of rural public school boards.

In 1914, a new school was constructed immediately south of the original 1854 school. The original layout of the 1914 structure provided separate entrances for boys and girls on the northwest and southwest corner. The entrances converged into a circulation area located on the west side of the structure that included stairs, cloakrooms and office space. Classrooms were located on the eastern portion of the structure and provided with three banks of large east facing windows.

The school was designed utilizing the Edwardian architectural language, which was popular at the time for a wide variety of buildings. The structure was constructed with a raised cut limestone foundation wall with four windows. The main material used for the walls was red brick with red tinted mortar joints. Articulated brick structural piers were used at the corners and mid-way along the south and north elevation. A square brick motif with cut stone elements was used to provide visual interest along the south and north walls. Large three-bay windows were utilized on the east (Yonge Street) elevation to provide light into the classrooms with smaller windows located on the north and south elevations to provide light into the circulation/office areas. All of the window sills were completed with concrete headers and sills. The 2-storey building was originally completed with a hip roof that contained two large chimneystacks. Overall, the unified brick/mortar colour scheme and vertical brick piers provided a sense of weight, mass and unity to the structure.

Additions were added to the 1914 structure in 1953 and 1961. When the 1961 addition was built the second storey of the c.1914 school was removed. Together, the two additions created an L-shaped building with the 1914 structure in the middle. The additions are not part of this designation.

In 1999, the Oak Ridges Public School was moved to 160 Coon's Road (to the north west of the subject site). The subject property was used by the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde until 2015 when it was closed in advance of a redevelopment of the site.

The significance of the site relates to its associative historical and contextual value as a location for public education within the community of Oak Ridges for over 160 years.

Contextually, the property is historically linked to its location on Yonge Street and relates to the development and growth of the community of Oak Ridges since 1854.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key physical attributes that contribute to the heritage value of 13200 Yonge Street (Oak Ridges Public School), include the following:

- The east wall of the c.1914 school building;
- The raised ashlar cut stone foundation wall containing four square windows and completed with a chamfered concrete top trim;
- Red brick wall with red tinted mortar joints and structural brick piers; and
- Bay of three large square punched windows with a unified concrete sill and header.