## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

## **BY-LAW NO. 134-95**

A By-law to Designate the Property Known Municipally as 103 Richmond Street of Historical and Architectural Value or Interest (The Eliza Gaby House)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property to be of historic or architectural 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 103 Richmond Street, Richmond Hill, 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 a 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 "A" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting of June 5, 1995 adopted the recommendation in Staff Report SRCSD.95.68 pertaining to the historical designation of the Eliza GAby House;

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

- 1. That the real property located at 103 Richmond Street, in the Town of Richmond Hill, in The Regional Municipality of York, being composed of Lot 115, Compiled Plan 12003, being part of Lot 47, Concession 1 WYS, and being part Lot 28, Plan 481, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, as previously described in Instrument No. 539332, is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, as being of historic and architectural value or interest.
- 2. That 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
- 3. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property in the Land Registry Office.
- 4. That the statements contained in Schedule "A" hereto are hereby declared to be the reasons for the aforesaid designation.
- 5. Schedule "A" attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1995.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1995.

Mayor Entiam F. BELL

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## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 134-95

The Eliza Gaby House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

This Classic Ontario village house was built by Levi Gaby circa 1886 for his widowed mother, Eliza. Eliza was the wife of Frederick Gaby, an English immigrant who initially settled in Thornhill, then came to Richmond Hill in the late 1850s. Census data list Frederick Gaby as a farmer.

Frederick Gaby assembled lands on Richmond Street, beginning in 1859 with the purchase of a quarter acre parcel from Martha Harrison. Levi Gaby's home was at 111 Richmond Street, the adjacent property to the west of 103 Richmond Street. He operated an express business to Toronto in the 1890s.

The Eliza Gaby House has the one-and-a-half storey height and centre gable typical of the Classic Ontario style. The original clapboard siding, corner boards, water table, and door and window architraves remain, as do a number of 6-over-6 sash windows on the east side of the building. The location of the original bellcast-roofed verandah shown in a historical photograph of the house is clearly indicated by markings on the siding.

A significant feature of the interior is a strip of early 20th century wall stencilling in the northwest ground floor room in the front section of the house.