

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 290-98

A By-law to Authorize the designation of
1000 Elgin Mills Road East, the Steckley-Eyer House
under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

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 1000 Elgin Mills Road East, 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;

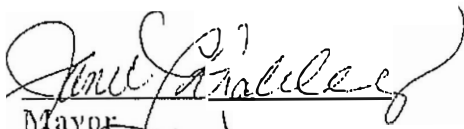
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

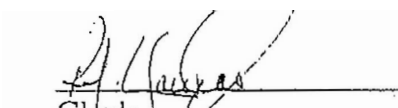

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property located at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East, being Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, comprising 16.10 acres in the Town of Richmond Hill, formerly Township of Markham, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule B attached hereto, is hereby designated under part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as being of historic or 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.
3. That 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. Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998.


Mayor
Janet Mabley


Clerk


SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Steckley-Eyer House
West ½ Lot 26, Concession 2EYS
1000 Elgin Mills Road East
circa 1835

The Steckley-Eyer House and stone shed are recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

Christian Steckley Jr., a Pennsylvania-German immigrant and ordained minister of the Tunker Church, purchased Lot 26, Concession 2, Markham Township, in 1830. His ministry spanned the period from 1829 to his death in 1865. Steckley was associated with several Markham lots, leading to the speculation that he built a number of the early dwellings throughout the township, including this one, thought to have been constructed between 1830 and 1837.

After passing through the ownership of William Stockdale and Alexander Wallis, the west 100 acres of the property were acquired by David Eyer Jr. in 1850. David Eyer Jr. was born on the family homestead, directly across the road on Lot 25, in 1827. The Eyer family were Pennsylvania-Germans that arrived in Markham Township from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1803. In addition to farming the land, David Eyer Jr. established a stave and shingle factory adjacent to the Rouge River that operated between 1855 and 1882.

In the period following Eyer's death in 1882, the property passed through many hands until it was purchased by Dr. E. Clark Noble and his wife, Edith, in 1946. Dr. Noble was a noted collector of Canadiana furniture. Many of his pieces are illustrated in major reference books on the subject.

Architecturally, the main section of the house follows the basic Georgian model, characteristic of the period of construction, with a rectangular plan and 3-bay front. The clapboard-clad building has a 1 ½ storey height and a low-pitched gable roof with eaves returns and a moulded cornice. Window openings, ornamented with moulded architraves, remain in their original size and configuration, but have largely been resashed. The Neo-Classical front doorcase, with its complex moulded entablature, blind sidelights, and altered 8-panelled door, is a noteworthy feature that may have been added to the building at a later date.

Also significant are the eastern one-storey cloddy haus addition, with a similar finish to the main house, and the single-storey rear wing that may have served as the original kitchen. A gable-roofed fieldstone outbuilding that is believed to have once functioned as a creamery is located to the rear of the house.

SCHEDULE "B"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Richmond Hill, formerly Township of Markham, in the Regional Municipality of York and being composed of Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, comprising 16.10 acres and being more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that all bearings herein are astronomic, derived from the north 9 degrees 57 minutes 40 seconds west of the westerly limit of the said Lot 26 as shown on a Plan registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Registry Division of York Region as No. 7858 and are referred to longitude 79 degrees 25 minutes 10 seconds west;

COMMENCING at a point in the northerly limit of Elgin Mills Road East as widened by an Expropriation Plan registered in the said Land Registry Office as No. 9586 where the same is intersected by a line connecting a point in the southerly limit of the said Lot 26 distant 1,817.94 feet measured easterly thereon from the south-west angle of the said Lot with a point in the northerly limit of the said Lot 26 distant 1,825.08 feet measured easterly thereon from the north-west angle of the said lot, the last mentioned intersection being distant 17.13 feet measured northerly along the said connecting line from the southerly limit of Lot 26 aforesaid;

THENCE EASTERLY along said northly limit of Elgin Mills Road East as widened 530.83 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE NORTHERLY in a straight line 1,313 feet to an iron pipe in the northerly limit of Lot 26, said point being 2,357.08 feet measured easterly along the said northerly limit from the north-west angle thereof;

THENCE WESTERLY along the said northerly limit 532 feet to an iron pipe said point being 1,825.08 feet measured easterly along the northerly limit from the north-west angle thereof;

THENCE SOUTHERLY in a straight line 1,311.41 feet to the point of commencement as previously described in 341035.