

# The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

## By-law 74-22

A By-law to Amend By-law 290-98, being a By-law to Authorize the Designation of 1000 Elgin Mills Road East, the Steckley-Eyer House, Under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Whereas Section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 (the "Ontario Heritage Act") authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to amend a by-law designating property under that Act;

And Whereas Council consulted with its municipal heritage committee before giving notice of a proposed amendment to the owner of property under subsections 30.1(3) and 30.1(5) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the Notice requirements pursuant to Section 30.1(4) of the Ontario Heritage Act have been fulfilled;

And Whereas no objection to the proposed amendment to the Designating By-law has been served on the City Clerk within the period prescribed by the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas Council at its meeting held June 8, 2022 adopted the recommendations as contained in staff report SRPI.22.048 pertaining to the amendment of the Designating By-law for 1000 Elgin Mills Road East under Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

**Now Therefore The Council of The Corporation of The City of Richmond Hill Enacts as Follows:**

1. That By-law 290-98 is hereby amended by deleting paragraph 1 of the Preamble to By-law 290-98 which reads as follows:

"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 by replacing it with the following:

"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;"
2. That By-law 290-98 is hereby further amended by deleting the word "Foundation" in paragraph 2 of the Preamble to By-law 290-98 and replacing it with the word "Trust";
3. That By-law 290-98 is hereby further amended by deleting Paragraph 1 of By-law 290-98 and replacing it with a new Paragraph 1 to read as follows:
  1. That the real property located at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East, being Part of Lot 26, Concession 2, in the City 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 cultural heritage value or interest.
4. That By-law 290-98 is hereby amended by revising Paragraph 2 of By-law 290-98 by deleting the word "Foundation" and replacing it with the word "Trust".
5. That By-law 290-98 is hereby further amended by deleting Schedule "A" of By-law 290-98 and replacing it with Schedule "A" attached to this amending By-law.
6. That By-law 290-98 is hereby further amended by deleting Schedule "B" of By-law 290-98 and replacing it with Schedule "B" attached to this amending By-law.

7. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this amending By-law to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause the Register established under subsection 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to be updated.
9. That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this amending By-law to be registered in the Land Registry Office against the lands described in Schedule “C” of this amending By-law.
10. That Schedules “A”, “B” and “C” attached to this amending By-law XX-XXX are incorporated hereto and declared to form a part of this amending By-law.

Passed this XX<sup>th</sup> day of MONTH, 2022.

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David West  
Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke  
City Clerk

# **SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 74-22**

## **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION THE STECKLEY-EYER HOUSE AND STONE OUTBUILDING 1000 ELGIN MILLS ROAD EAST**

### **Property Description**

The property at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of physical or design value and historical or associative value as described in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value below.

Located on the north side of Elgin Mills Road East, east of Bayview Avenue, the property contains the Steckley-Eyer House and a stone outbuilding, which are believed to have been constructed between 1830 and 1837. The House is 1.5 storeys and the stone outbuilding is one storey. The property is north and slightly west of the Eyer Homestead, which is located on the south side of Elgin Mills Road East at 1045 Elgin Mills Road East.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

#### Historical or Associative Value: Association with a person who was significant to the community

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 the one at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East.

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 who 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.

#### Design or Physical Value: Early and representative example of an architectural style

Architecturally, the original 1.5-storey clapboard-clad section of the house follows the basic Georgian model, characteristic of the period of construction, with a rectangular plan and 3-bay front. It is thought to have been constructed between 1830 and 1837.

A gable-roofed fieldstone outbuilding that is believed to have once functioned as a creamery is located to the rear of the house.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Each exterior heritage attribute of the property at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East listed below is indicative of the property's design or physical value.

#### The Steckley-Eyer House

- The 1.5-storey residential building;
- The scale, form, height, and massing of the original rectangular building;
- The original 3-bay front;
- The clapboard cladding;
- The low-pitched gable roof with eave returns and moulded cornice;
- The window and door openings of the original building;

- The window surrounds of the original building;
- The Neoclassical front door of the original building, including its moulded entablature, blind sidelights, and altered eight-panelled door;
- The fieldstone foundation.

#### The Stone Outbuilding

- The 1-storey fieldstone building;
- The scale, form, height, and massing of the original rectangular building;
- The fieldstone walls;
- The low-pitched gable roof.

## **SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 74-22**

That the real property located at 1000 Elgin Mills Road East is described as follows:

Part Lot 26, Concession 2 (MKM), designated as Part 1, Plan 65R-37469, except Parts 1 – 7, Plan 65R-39021 & except Part 1, Plan 65R-39122 (Part of PIN 03187-1497)

in the City of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York.

## **SCHEDULE “C” TO BY-LAW 74-22**

Part Lot 26, Concession 2, designated as Parts 1 – 7 (inclusive), Plan 65R-39021, City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03187-1496).

Part Lot 26, Concession 2, designated as Part 1, Plan 65R-37469, except Parts 1 – 7, Plan 65R-39021, City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03187-1497)

Part Lot 26, Concession 2 (MKM), designated as Parts 2, 3 & 6, Plan 65R-21316, save and except Parts 2 & 3, Plan D873, City of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York (PIN 03187-0129)