

# The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

## By-Law 3-25

A By-Law to Designate 11644 Leslie Street (*Horner House*) 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 property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (“City Council”) has consulted with Heritage Richmond Hill concerning this matter;

And Whereas City Council thereafter caused the City Clerk to serve on the owner(s) of the property known as 11644 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, as well as upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid property and has also caused the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Intention to Designate on the City’s website in accordance with subsection 26(4) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and City by-law 12-20, as amended;

And Whereas a Notice of Objection was served upon the City Clerk under subsection 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

And Whereas in accordance with subsection 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council considered the Notice of Objection and decided not to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate;

And Whereas the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the Description of Heritage Attributes, and a scaled drawing identifying the location of the property’s cultural heritage value or interest are set out in Schedule “A” to this by-law;

### **Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The City Of Richmond Hill Enacts As Follows:**

1. That the property located at 11644 Leslie Street, being Part of Lot 32, Concession 2 (Markham), designated as Parts 1, 2, & 3, Plan 65R-9352; Richmond Hill; Regional Municipality of York [PIN 03194-0302 (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 City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner(s) of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and publish a Notice of the Passing of this by-law on the City’s website in accordance with subsection 26(4) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and City by-law 12-20, as amended.

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3. That the City 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 3-25 is declared to form a part of this by-law.

Passed this 26 day of February, 2025.

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David West  
Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke  
City Clerk

File D12-07275

## SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 3-25

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

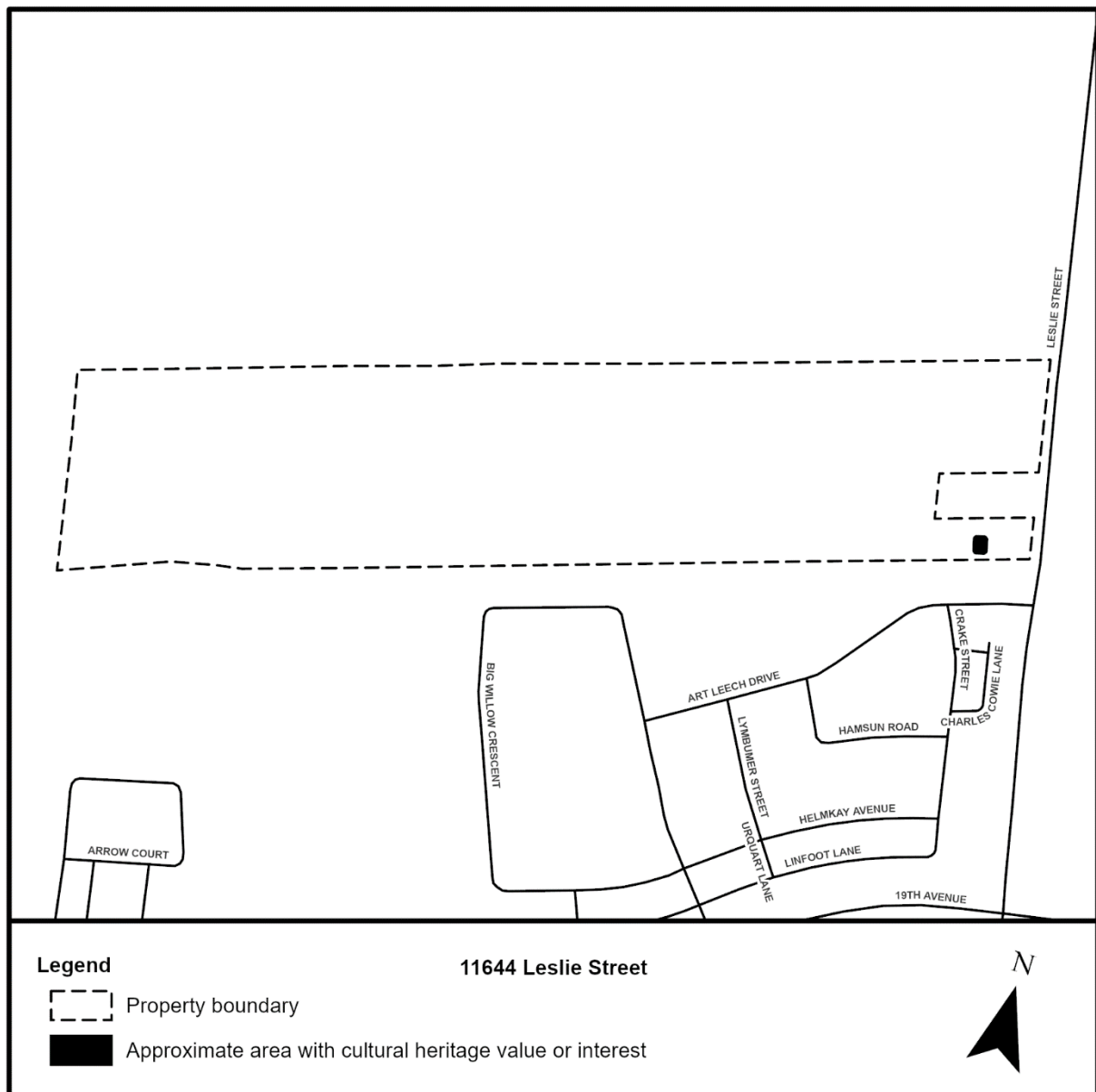
11644 Leslie Street

Horner House

#### Description of Property

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street is a 1 ½ storey residential structure with a T-shaped footprint and Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style. The property is located on the west side of Leslie Street, north of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and within the historically rural landscape on northern Leslie Street.

#### Area of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest



#### Statement of Significance

##### Design and Physical Value

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street, built circa the 1860s, has design and physical value as a representative example of the Gothic Revival Cottage style. The Horner House consists of a 1 ½ storey frame structure with a board and batten exterior and a

rear addition. Architectural features that contribute to the Gothic Revival Cottage style include the building's 1 ½ storey massing, frame construction, medium-sloped side gable roof with a steep-pitched front gable, the symmetrical three-bay composition of the front façade, and the lancet-arched transoms over the second storey doorway.

#### Historical and Associative Value

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street has historical and associative value for its associations with Jacob Horner and the Horner family. The Horners, who were of Pennsylvania German origin, were early settlers in Markham Township and were active members of their community, joining the first congregation of the Brethren in Christ in 1808. The Horner family were also longtime residents of the subject property – they lived and farmed on the lot from 1833 to 1921, ran a Cider Manufactory, and built the subject building in the 1860s. The Horner family is also associated with the Willow Grove Horner-Elliot House at 40 Frank Endean Road (circa 1840), the Horner Cemetery at 9950 Leslie Street (circa 1825), and the Jacob Horner House at 32 Love Court (previously 9940 Leslie Street, circa 1840).

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street has historical and associative value because it yields information that contributes to an understanding of Pennsylvania German settlers in Markham Township, who settled York County following the American Revolutionary War and who formed early agricultural communities in the Township. The subject property was the residence and farmland of the Horners, a family of the Brethren in Christ (Tunker) faith who came to Markham Township from Pennsylvania in 1806. The Horners were early settlers in the area who built the subject dwelling circa the 1860s and farmed the subject property from 1833 to 1921.

#### Contextual Value

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street has contextual value as one of a number of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century farmhouses that help define and maintain the historical agricultural character of northern Leslie Street.

The Horner House at 11644 Leslie Street has contextual value for its visual and historic links to the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century rural landscape on northern Leslie Street north of Nineteenth Avenue. The Horner House was built on the subject property circa the 1860s and has been surrounded by agricultural and forested land since the time of its construction. As such, the subject property retains significant visual and historic link to its surroundings, including the large rural lots with deep setbacks to the north, south, east, and west of the property, and natural features, including the Rouge River tributary and Acavia Forest to the west.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

#### Design and Physical Value

The heritage attributes that contribute to the value of the property as a representative example of the Gothic Revival Cottage style are:

- The scale, form, and massing of the 1 ½ storey historical front (east) portion of the building, featuring a rectangular footprint;
- The medium-pitched side gable roof with a steep-pitched front gable;
- The frame construction;
- The symmetrical and balanced composition of the main (east) façade, with three bays at grade and one bay on the second storey;
- The window and door openings, including:
  - The flat-headed window openings on the east and south facades;
  - The flat-headed principal doorway located at grade on the main (east) façade; and

- The round-headed doorway with paired lancet-arch transom lights and paneled door with round-arched lites on the second storey of the main (east) façade.

#### Historical and Associative Value

The heritage attributes that contribute to the value of the property for its associations with Jacob Horner and the Horner family, and that yield information about the Pennsylvania German settlers in Markham Township are:

- The building's scale, siting, and orientation on the west side of Leslie Street; and
- The building's Gothic Revival Cottage architectural expression and material palette.

#### Contextual Value

The heritage attributes that contribute to the value of the property for defining and maintaining the historical agricultural character of northern Leslie Street, and for visual and historic links to its surroundings are:

- The building's scale, siting, and orientation on the west side of Leslie Street; and
- The building's Gothic Revival Cottage architectural expression and material palette.

Note: The building's rear (west) addition is not considered to possess significant heritage attributes.