THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

BY-LAW NO. 99-117

Being a By-law to designate the property being Block D, Plan 450 known municipally as 16 Yonge Street South, formerly in the Village of Elmvale, now in the Township of Springwater, in the County of Simcoe, as a property of historical and architectural value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act.

(Designation - Parker House - 16 Yonge Street South - Property Roll No. 43 41 040 001 137 00 0000)

WHEREAS Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act , R.S.O. 1990, as amended, provides that by-laws may be passed by council designating properties of historic or architectural value;

AND WHEREAS the Drysdale House located at 16 Yonge Street South has been identified by the Township of Springwater Heritage Committee (LACAC) as being eligible for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater received a request from Gary French on behalf of the East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation to designate the subject property;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to pass a Designation By-law was given in accordance with Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act in the manner as set out in Schedule "C" of this By-law on or before the 16th day of September, 1999;

AND WHEREAS no person has filed any objection to the Designation By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater deems it desirable to designate the lands and building being 16 Yonge Street South, formerly in the Village of Elmvale, now in the Township of Springwater in the County of Simcoe, as a property of historical and architectural value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater enacts as follows:

1. THAT the property known municipally as 16 Yonge Street South, formerly in the Village of Elmvale, now in the Township of Springwater, in the County of Simcoe, and having the legal description set out in Schedule "A" , attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, is designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest.

2. THAT the Reasons for Designation set out in Schedule "B", attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, are hereby adopted.

3. THAT the Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law, together with its Schedules to be registered against the property in the Land Registry Office for Simcoe and shall serve, by Registered Mail , a copy of this By-law together with its Schedules upon the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Foundation .

4. THAT this By-law shall take force and effect upon final passage hereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

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Mayor Helen E. Coutts

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Clerk Eleanor J. Rath

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO. 99-117

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Block D
Plan 450
Township of Springwater,
County of Simcoe

SCHEDULE "B"
BY-LAW NO. 99-117

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Parker House located at 16 Yonge Street South, Elmvale was built in 1899 for Albert Parker and his wife Jennie (nee Drysdale). Albert Parker of Barrie was a stone and brick mason who became well known for building fine brick homes in the Elmvale/Flos area at the turn of the century. The Parkers purchased the vacant lot where the Parker House now stands in the year of their marriage, 1897. His wife, Jennie, was the daughter of James Drysdale and Mary Ritchie.

The Parker House is constructed of solid brick supplied by Thomas McGrath of Saurin (24,000 bricks at $7.00 per thousand). The carpenter is not known, but can be tentatively attributed to John R. Graham of Elmvale. The architect was very probably Smith & Bird of Barrie (based upon reference in Smith's surviving accounts of a house on Mary St. in Barrie which is almost identical to the Parker/Preston House).

The Parkers probably built the house as a showplace, but to be sold. In 1902, the House was conveyed to Isabella Preston/Presney who at the same time purchased adjoining Block C with the wagon shop. At some date not long after, the shop was moved from Block C to the rear of Block D to be used as a stable in connection with the Parker House. The shop remained there until it was moved to another location in about 1981.

Isobella (Thompson) and her husband William Presney/Preston retired to the Parker House. In 1904, the Prestons had the brick kitchen added to the Parker House. The large double lot was developed into lawns and gardens.

After the Prestons died, the House was owned by their widowed daughter Minnie (Mrs. Albert) Chesley. On her death, the House was transferred to her sister Violet (Letty) who had married William Drysdale at Willow Bank in 1898. After the Drysdales died, the House was left in 1961 to their son, Earl. Ten years later, Earl Drysdale sold Block C, reserving an easement, and an apartment building was built where the wagon shop had once been. Upon his death, the House passed to his cousin Isobel (daughter of William and Isobella Preston's son Charles). Miss Preston took great care of the House which containing most of her grandparents original furnishings. She was careful to preserve the historic character of the House, in particular during the careful rebuilding of the chimney by John and Peter Tinney. After her death, the house was bequeathed to her nephew and a short time thereafter was sold to David and Anne Robbins in 1999.

The important characteristics and features worthy of designation and protection are:

1. Use of arches throughout including exterior brickwork at front entrance; stained glass windows in front living room, dining room and entranceway alcove; and faux arches above windows, recessed alcove over fireplace and both upper and lower alcoves;

2. Original central box hall layout including original room layout for the front entranceway, central box hall, front living room, dining room and upper hall as well as the building perimeter plan on the north, south and east sides;

3. Location, size and designs of the doors and windows. In particular, the use of stained glass panels in the doors and windows on the lower level including the windows in the front entranceway, above the picture windows in the front living room and dining room, in the unique alcove for the fireplace, and the French doors leading to porch on northern side of house. Also notable is the pocket doors leading to the front living room and movable transoms on upper level.

4. Interior wood trim, including asymterical carved fireplace mantle, central staircase, original baseboard, wooden floors, mouldings and doors including unique crown mouldings, corner blocks and dados. This includes the existing stained finish in the front entranceway and alcove, central box hall and staircase, front living room and dining room.

5. Original door latches, hinges, switch plates and register grates;

6. Exterior unpainted brick finish and the accompanying wood trim as well as the side porches (upper and lower) on the north side. Unobstructed view of eastern (front) northern and southern sides to maintain the building form and envelope;

7. Roofline and chimneys, including the detailed brickwork on the south side.

SCHEDULE "C"

BY-LAW NO. 99-117

AFFIDAVIT

I, Eleanor J. Rath, Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater hereby swear or affirm that Notice of Intention to pass a by-law under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act was given in accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the Act, as follows:

1. Notice of Intention to pass certain Designation By-laws, including a by-law for the "Parker House" located at 16 Yonge Street South, Elmvale was published in the September 16, 1999 edition of The Springwater News; and

2. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were sent by Registered Mail on the 13th day of September, 1999 to:

   (i) David & Anne Robbins, the owners of the subject property; and

   (ii) the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

3. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were sent by Prepaid First Class mail to:

   (i) Gary French of the East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation on the 13th day of September, 1999; and

   (ii) Nancy Smith, Senior Administration Clerk, Heritage Properties & Museums Unit, Cultural Programs Branch, Ministry of Citizenship Culture & Recreaion on the 13th day of September, 1999

4. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were posted on or before the 16th day of September, 1999 at the following locations:

   (i) Township Offices, Midhurst, and

   (ii) Kenzie Knox Building, Elmvale, and

   (iii) Springwater Township Library, Elmvale Branch

5. Notice of Intention, together with a copy of the proposed Designation By-law and Schedules, were provided in the Agenda package for the September 15, 1999 meeting of the Springwater Heritage Committee. (LACAC)

SWORN OR AFFIRM before me
at Midhurst, Ontario
in the Township of Springwater,
in the County of Simcoe
this 18th day of October, 1999

[redacted]

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Barbara Fralick, a Commissioner
while Treasurer, The Corporation
of the Township of Springwater.

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Eleanor J. Rath, Clerk

AFFIDAVIT

I, Eleanor J. Rath, Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater hereby swear or affirm that Notice of Passage under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act was given in accordance with Subsection 29(5) of the Act, as follows:

1. Notice of Passage for a Designation By-law No. 99-117 for the "Parker House" located at 16 Yonge Street South, Elmvale was published on October 28th 1999 edition of The Springwater News; and

2. Notice of Passage, together with a copy of the Designation By-law and Schedules, were sent by Registered Mail on the 25th day of October, 1999 to:

   (i) David and Anne Robbins, the owners of the subject property; and

   (ii) the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

   (iii) Gary French of the East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation

   (iv) Nancy Smith, Senior Administration Clerk, Heritage Properties & Museums Unit, Cultural Programs Branch, Ministry of Citizenship Culture & Recreation

3. Notice of Passage, together with a copy of the Designation By-law and Schedules, were posted on or before the 28th of October, 1999 at the following locations:

   (i) Township Offices, Midhurst, and

   (ii) Kenzie Knox Building, Elmvale, and

   (iii) Springwater Township Library, Elmvale Branch

4. Notice of Passage, together with a copy of the Designation By-law and Schedules, were circulated to the members at the November 13th 1999 meeting of the Springwater Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

5. By-law No. 99-117 was registered on the title of the subject lands on the 23rd day of November, 1999 ER

SWORN OR AFFIRM before me
at Midhurst, Ontario
in the Township of Springwater,
in the County of Simcoe
this 30th day of November, 1999

[redacted]
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Barbara Fralick, a Commissioner
while Treasurer, The Corporation
of the Township of Springwater.

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Eleanor J. Rath, Clerk