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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1993-47**

A by-law to designate 179-181 Lakeshore Road East
as a property of historic, architectural
and contextual value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 179-181 Lakeshore Road East is hereby designated as a property of historic, architectural and contextual value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 26th day of May, 1993.

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A/MAYOR

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A/CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-47

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Lunau Block is a two storey, brick commercial building that was built in 1922 at 179-181 Lakeshore Road East. Prior to the construction of the Lunau Block, the property at 179-181 Lakeshore Road East had been the site of Oakville's second post office for forty seven years, beginning in 1856. In 1903, the old building was jacked up, moved to a new foundation on Church Street, and converted into a double house (now demolished). For the following nineteen years, the property at 179-181 Lakeshore Road East was left vacant, and as a result, it was used as a makeshift playground by the pupils of the private school located in the adjacent Davis Block.

In 1921, 179-181 Lakeshore Road East was purchased by E.P. (Edward Percival) Lunau, and within one year, he had commissioned the building of the Lunau Block.

E. P. Lunau hailed from Ausprey, near Owen Sound, where he was born in 1883. His father had moved to Ausprey in the 1880s from Markham, where his family had made their home since arriving in Canada from Germany. In 1907, E. P. Lunau was married to Miss Mabel Forster of Sniders Corners at the Wesley Methodist Church on the corner of the Ninth Line and Burnhamthorpe Road. Soon after their wedding, E. P. and Mabel Lunau moved to Hamilton Mountain, where the first Lunau dry goods store was established. After fifteen years, the Lunau family moved to the Oakville area and resided on a farm in Trafalgar Township, north of Lower Base Line. After the Lunau Block was built, E. P. Lunau continued to own his farm, but in order to be near to his place of business, he rented a house in the center of Oakville.

Over the years, the Lunau Block has housed a number of important Oakville businesses. Some of these included the Oakville Star, Home Hardware, Lunau's Dry Goods, and more recently, Garvey and Willmott Men's Shop (now Garvey's).

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Lunau Block at 179-181 Lakeshore Road East is a two storey, brown brick commercial structure with an eight bay upper facade and two distinct storefronts on the lower facade.

The building represents a commercial architectural style of the 1902s, based on a simple yet formal design of "Italianate" influence.

The windows on the upper part of the building are all double hung with stone lintels and sills. The shutters adjacent to the windows are not original. Above the upper windows there is a central date stone with "Lunau Block 1922" carved on it.

In addition to the date stone, a number of other details accentuate the facade of the building including horizontal corbelled brick bands towards the top of the straight parapet which is capped by a cut stone coping.

At the street level, the facades have undergone a number of alterations, however, their basic form and symmetry are still present.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Lunau Block is an important contributor to the downtown streetscape, and together with the buildings immediately to the west, forms a distinctive grouping of similar commercial heritage buildings.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-47

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, (formerly in the County of Halton) and being composed of Part of Lot E, Block 6, according to a Plan registered as Number 1 and which said parcel may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the southeasterly limit of said Lot E, distant 0.71 feet measured northeasterly therealong from the most southerly angle of said Lot E, the said point being also in the southwesterly face of the southwesterly wall of a brick building standing on the herein described lands;

THENCE northeasterly along the said southeasterly limit of Block E a distance of 52.45 feet to the southwesterly limit of the lands described in Instrument Number 213119 the said limit being the southwesterly face of the southwesterly wall of the brick building standing on the lands to the northeast of the herein described lands;

THENCE northwesterly along the last mentioned limit and the production thereof in all a distance of 104.33 feet to the northwesterly limit of said Lot E;

THENCE southwesterly along the last mentioned limit of 52.11 feet to a point in the northwesterly production of the said southwesterly face of the southwesterly wall of a brick building standing on the herein described lands, the said point being distant 0.58 feet measured northeasterly from the most westerly angle of said Lot E;

THENCE southeasterly along the said production and along the said face of wall in all a distance of 104.33 feet to the point of commencement.

As described in Instrument No. 338155.