

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1993-51

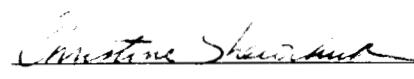
A by-law to designate 1189 Lakeshore Road East
as a property of historical, architectural
and contextual value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 1189 Lakeshore Road East is hereby designated as a property of historical, 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.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-51

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The house at 1189 Lakeshore Road East was built by the Morrison Brothers, John, James and Peter, in 1886.

The house at 1189 Lakeshore Road East was the second house on the Morrison property. The Atlas of Halton County in 1877 shows a house on the property where the present structure now stands. As in the case of so many other families in early Canada, this house was probably a frame or log structure which was replaced by a larger, more elaborate brick house when the family gained prosperity.

The Morrison Brothers were natives of Dunblane in Perthshire, Scotland, and they are reputed to never have relinquished their custom of wearing plaids. The Morrisons were large exporters of live cattle to Scotland. Tariff changes made in the early seventies by the United States had seriously interfered with the export to that country of dead meat, and the Morrisons and other Canadian exporters had to look for another market. Shipping dead meat to England proved unsuccessful, and in 1874, an experiment was made by a firm in Glasgow of importing live cattle from Canada. During the first few years, improper handling caused great losses, many of the animals dying on the St. Lawrence even before reaching Montreal. On the ocean, steamships were pitifully overcrowded and, in many instances, sheep sheds were erected above the cattle stalls. Frequently during a storm, the livestock was thrown overboard to lighten the vessels. Within a decade, however, improved transportation facilities reduced deaths on the ocean passage to under 1%, and once established, the industry assumed enormous proportions.

Every year the Morrisons bought two or three hundred head of cattle for shipping to Glasgow. The stock was kept on their farm east of Oakville, surrounding the house at 1189 Lakeshore Road East. Their butcher shop adjoined the Romain Block on the east and every July, when the farmers brought their stock to the Morrison's shop to be weighed, the east end of Colbourne Street (Lakeshore Road) was filled with lowing and milling cattle. The Morrison's shop was continued for many years by a relative, John McDonald.

After the retirement of the three brothers, the farm and house was run by William Morrison, a son, for a number of years before the property was eventually sold and subdivided.

This building was built in 1886 and is an excellent example of the Victorian Gothic Revival style. It's L shaped centre hall plan, steep pitched gables, decorative vergeboards and brickwork, projecting bay windows and ornate verandah and balcony are typical for the style. The window openings are original, however, the panes in the bay windows appear to have replaced the original, probably multi-paned windows.

Although set back on a treed lot, the house at 1189 Lakeshore Road East is an attractive, contributing feature to the surrounding area and is a reminder of the original farms which once ran the length of Lakeshore Road.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-51

THOSE lands and premises located in the following municipality, namely, in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton and being composed of Part of Lot Number Nine, in the Third Concession south of Dundas Street and more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the north-westerly limit of Lakeshore Road across said Lot 9 has a bearing of North 38 degrees 01 minutes East and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at an iron pipe planted in the north-westerly limit of said Lakeshore Road distant 199.87 feet measured south-westerly therealong from the easterly angle of said Lot 9;

THENCE south-westerly along the north-westerly limit of Lakeshore Road 147.29 feet to an iron pipe planted;

THENCE North 44 degrees 54 minutes West 290.61 feet to an iron bar planted;

THENCE North-easterly along the lines of wooden fences marking north-easterly limit of herein described land through the following courses and distances;

North 40 degrees, 42 minutes East, 44.33 feet;

North 87 degrees, 37 minutes East, 8.67 feet;

North 53 degrees, 00 minutes East, 7.31 feet;

North 39 degrees, 57 minutes 30 seconds East, 88.7 feet to an iron bar planted.

THENCE South 44 degrees 57 minutes East 276.93 feet to the point of commencement.

PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT #572473