

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

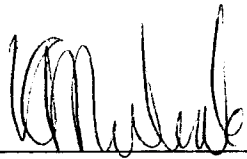
BY-LAW NUMBER 1998-12

A by-law to designate 138 Trafalgar Road as a property of historical, architectural and contextual significance.

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 138 Trafalgar Road 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 27th day of January, 1998.



MAYOR



A/ CLERK

Schedule "A" to By-law 1998-12

The Added Touch Ltd. property originally consisted of the west side of Trafalgar Road between Church and Randall Streets. Originally laid out as two equal lots (Lot C to the north and Lot F to the south), they were subsequently divided to give four equal lots fronting onto Trafalgar Road. They were numbered from south to north and municipally known as 132, 136, 138 and 140 Trafalgar Road; however, 138 Trafalgar had become known by convention as 136 Trafalgar Road and is presently numbered as such. (140 Trafalgar was subsequently divided to create 268 Randall Street and a smaller 140 Trafalgar).

Historical Significance

This property was first built on in 1833 by John Forman. Forman was active in the Temperance movement and built a two-storey frame inn on the site, operating it as the Oakville Temperance House. He participated in the building of the Temperance Hall across the street (present Tim Horton's location). The building continued as a Temperance inn until 1859, when it was purchased by Jacob Barnes and operated as a licensed premises. Barnes was a notable local machinist, blacksmith and inventor best known for his water pumping equipment. After Barnes' death, the building was acquired by Hugh Coyne, who moved it to the southwest corner of Lakeshore and George (present Burrows Clothiers location) in the early 1870's. At this point the lot was divided, and presumably, the homes presently located on them built. (Their exact date of construction cannot be confirmed but they are known to have existed in their present state and location in 1910). 138 Trafalgar went through a number of owners, most interesting being William Sinclair Davis who owned the house between 1911 and 1921 (although it is unclear what part, if any, of this period Davis actually resided here). Davis was a local realtor and financier who had a number of business interests in the Town. In 1905 he was instrumental in the development of the Park Avenue area. He was an officer in the Oakville Navigation Company and was one of the founders of the Oakville Club. His name lives on in the Davis Block at 187 Lakeshore Road East. In the 1920's, 138 Trafalgar was owned by John Toms, Harry Barrett's grandfather.

Architectural Significance

This building appears to be the older of the pair of very similar residential style buildings located on the southwest corner of Trafalgar Road and Randall Street. This building sits to the south of 140 Trafalgar Road. The form of the building is a one and one half storey saltbox. However, given the fact that the west side of the roof is actually a half gable with a shed addition, it is possible that the original form was a two room deep, one and one half storey gable roofed house with a central gable on the front elevation. Below the central gable is a semi-circular round headed window. Placed on the same vertical axis is the central pedimented doorway in a simple Greek Revival style. All windows except the two front projecting bay windows are also gently arched, round headed windows.

The trim on the windows appears original and it is also likely that the stucco finish was the original cladding used on the house. This building has a lower ridge height than its similar neighbour and has a finished floor level approximately one foot above grade. It also appears that the second storey ceiling height of this building is lower than its neighbour. The other detail of interest is the difference in pitch and detailing of the two central gables on the front elevations. There is a large brick chimney on the west (rear) elevation of this building.

In terms of classifying this building within stylistic categories, there are characteristics of Colonial, Gothic Revival and Greek Revival, which likely places it squarely within the catch-all category of Eclectic with influences as cited above.

Contextual Significance

The contextual significance of this building is very strong in conjunction with 140 Trafalgar Road. They act as an effective gateway to Oakville's downtown district via Trafalgar Road, the most typical means of entering the area. Their distinctly residential styling and scale act as a beacon of historical morphology. In short, given their location, they clearly state that "in terms of architecture this is how Oakville started".

Schedule "B" to By-law 1998-12

Those lands and premises located in the Town of Oakville (formerly the Township of Trafalgar) in the Regional Municipality of Halton and being composed of Part of Lot C, Block 4, Plan 1, Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 20R-12517, together with a right-of-way over part of Lots C and F, Block 4, Plan 1, designated as Parts 3, 4, and 5 on Plan 20R-12517.