



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-080

A by-law to designate Edgemere Estate
at 1502 Lakeshore Road West as a
property of architectural, historical and/or
contextual significance.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact By-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

1502 Lakeshore Road West
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Edgemere Estate** at **1502 Lakeshore Road West** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Oakville Beaver, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS a notice of objection to the proposed designation was served on the municipality but subsequently withdrawn;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law;

COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Edgemere Estate
1502 Lakeshore Road West
Town of Oakville
The Regional Municipality of Halton

2. THAT the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 9th day of June, 2009.

Rob Burton

MAYOR

Vicki Tytaneck

A/CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2009-080**

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description as follows:

Edgemere Estate,
1502 Lakeshore Road West, Part of Lot 6 and part of the Water Lot in front of
Lot 6, Concession 4 SDS, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 20R-3606 and
Part 1 on Plan 20R-10812,
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton



SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 2009-080

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edgemere Estate at 1502 Lakeshore Road West is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* because of its cultural heritage value or interest.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design or Physical Value

The estate property has cultural heritage value for the unique and lavish design of its structures and landscape. Significant structures include the groundskeeper’s cottage, the garage and stables, the dock and boathouse, the teahouse and the greenhouse. While these features are significant elements of the property, they are not included in this designation.

The elements included in this designation are the prominent entrance gates and wall along Lakeshore Road. The highly visible gate and wall serve as a unique example of a construction method which displays a high degree of craftsmanship and is representative of an early style. The main entrance is an English style timber gate constructed of wooden pegs and includes a brass plaque that reads “Edgemere”. The property wall has a rubble stone foundation and is crowned with cut stone and at regular intervals its length is interrupted by rubble stone pillars with cut stone caps. Both the gate and stone wall are visible from Lakeshore road. These features constitute an important part of the streetscape along this main thoroughfare as they define and maintain the early lakeshore estate character of the area.

Historical or Associative Value

Edgemere Estate is of cultural heritage value for its historical significance as a prominent estate property along Lakeshore Road, and its historical associations with its owners and designers.

In 1906, James Ryrie, a famous Toronto jeweller, purchased the subject property, later naming it “Edgemere”, meaning the edge of the sea. Ryrie commissioned Edmund Burke and John Horwood of the Burke & Horwood firm in Toronto to design the estate mansion. At the time, Burke and Horwood were considered “society’s architects of choice” for creating lavish mansions in the latest trends. Three years later, renowned Canadian landscape architect Charles Ernest Woolverton was commissioned by Ryrie to complete the landscape plan for the estate.

The house was completed in 1909 and served as Ryrie's country home for many years, and later as a residence to other prominent families in Oakville. Two years after Ryrie commissioned plans for his estate, Herbert Coplin Cox, President of the Canada Life Assurance Company, purchased the adjoining property for his estate. In close succession, others followed to lay out large estates along the lakeshore and build spacious summer homes in what became known as "Canada's Newport." The subject property therefore plays an important role in telling this part of Lakeshore Road and Oakville's history.

Contextual Value

The Edgemere property has cultural heritage value for its contextual significance as a prominent estate property that helps define the scenic character of this part of Lakeshore Road and the lakeshore itself. The entrance gate and estate wall in particular contribute to and define the historic and picturesque streetscape along Lakeshore Road.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes of the house which embody its physical, historical and contextual significance include:

- o The entrance gate along Lakeshore Road.
- o The stone estate wall along Lakeshore Road.

Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2009-080

By-law Number 2009-080 the following purpose and effect:

To designate the property at 1502 Lakeshore Road West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.