

5951 Steeles Avenue East

Authority: Scarborough Community Council Report 6, Clause 1,  
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 25, 26 and 27, 2006  
Enacted by Council: September 27, 2006

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**BY-LAW No. 904-2006**

**To designate the property at 5951 Steeles Avenue East (William Stonehouse House) as  
being of cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 5951 Steeles Avenue East (William Stonehouse House) as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 5951 Steeles Avenue East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at 5951 Steeles Avenue East, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 5951 Steeles Avenue East and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 27th day of September, A.D. 2006.

DAVID R. MILLER,  
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS  
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

## SCHEDULE "A"

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION 5951 Steeles Avenue East: William Stonehouse House

#### Description

The property at 5951 Steeles Avenue East is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the categories of design or physical value and contextual value. Located on the south side of Steeles Avenue East between Middlefield Road and Markham Road, the William Stonehouse House was first recorded in the 1861 Census. Because of the lack of historical records, the exact construction date has not been determined, but it is possible that it appeared in the late 1840s when William Stonehouse married and began a long-term occupancy of the site. The property is included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The cultural heritage value of the William Stonehouse House is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of a Regency Cottage in Scarborough. Recalling British Colonial buildings in India and China, the style was popularized in Upper Canada in the 1830s and afterward, and characterized by its diminutive size, low profile and hipped roof.

The William Stonehouse House also has cultural heritage value for its contextual value as it assists in maintaining the character of Steeles Avenue East where it contributes to a group of recognized heritage buildings. The Hood-Gough House (Devonsleigh Place) at #4125, the Clark-Reesor House at #6601 and the Christian Reesor House at #8327 are designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, while the Demond-Ingleton House at #6351, the Menno-Reesor House at #6461, the Hamill House at #6545, the Noah Reesor Farm at #7501, the two Flavius Reesor Houses at #7937 and #7959, and the McCreight House at #8009 are recognized on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

#### Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the William Stonehouse House that relate to its cultural heritage value as a representative example of a Regency Cottage are found on the exterior walls and roof, consisting of:

- The 1½-storey near-square plan under a hipped roof with extended eaves and shed-roof dormers (the original central chimney has been removed);
- The application of brick for the cladding and trim, with brick flat arches over some of the openings;
- The organization of the principal (north) façade into three bays with a central entrance (now concealed by an enclosed porch) flanked by segmental-arched window openings;
- The placement and detailing of the fenestration on the side walls (east and west), with a three-part bay window on the west elevation; and
- The enclosed porch is not included in the Reasons for Designation.