

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET**

**BYLAW NUMBER 1994-49**

**A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 17030 YONGE STREET, NEWMARKET, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.  
(QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, 17030 YONGE STREET)**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 17030 Yonge Street, Newmarket, and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

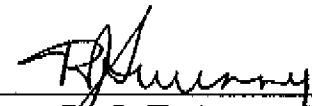
**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:


1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the land and building located on the real property known as 17030 Yonge Street, Newmarket, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The reasons for designation of the land and building at 17030 Yonge Street, Newmarket, are described in Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the property land registry office.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this bylaw to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
April, 1994.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF April, 1994.

  
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R. J. Twinney, Mayor

  
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Robert M. Prentice, Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BYLAW 1994-49**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION (17030 Yonge Street)**

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Newmarket, in the Regional Municipality of York (formerly Township of King in the County of York) and being composed of Part of Lot 92, Concession 1, of the said Town of Newmarket designated as Parts 3 and 4 on a Plan of Survey deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North (No. 65) as Number 65R-2892.

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BYLAW 1994-49

### **REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (17030 Yonge Street)**

#### **YONGE STREET (QUAKER) MEETING HOUSE**

**17030 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario**

The property at 17030 Yonge Street is designated for architectural and historical reasons. Construction of the Yonge Street (Quaker) Meeting House began in 1810 and was completed in 1812. The meeting house was built by members of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, who immigrated to Yonge Street from Pennsylvania after 1800 under the leadership of Timothy Rogers. The Yonge Street settlement was the third Quaker community established in the Province of Upper Canada (Ontario) and led to the development of the future Town of Newmarket.

The Yonge Street Meeting House displays the simplicity of design and the lack of applied decoration identified with Quaker architecture. The single storey building features a rectangular plan and simple frame construction. The vertical board and batten siding dates to the mid 19th century. The principal (south) facade is organized into six bays. Double panelled wood doors are symmetrically placed in the second and fifth bays. The remaining bays on the south wall and the six bays on the rear (North) elevation contain flat-headed sliding-sash windows with six-over-nine lights. On the east wall facing Yonge Street, a single door is placed between two sliding-sash windows with eight-over-twelve lights. The west wall contains a similar arrangement of openings, now partly concealed beneath a contemporary addition (not included in the designation). All openings have simple moulded surrounds. The windows retain panelled wood exterior shutters. The south facade is sheltered by an open verandah with a shed roof supported on six chamfered posts. The building is covered by a medium-pitched gable roof (traditionally clad with cedar shingles) with single brick chimneys at the east and west ends.

The Yonge Street Meeting House is located on the west side of Yonge Street between Mulock Drive and Eagle Street. The building is set back from the road in a parklike setting overlooking the Yonge Street Friends Burying Ground directly south.

The Yonge Street Meeting House has been in continuous use by the Society of Friends for nearly two centuries. It was the first building constructed north of the Town of York (Toronto) for religious purposes. The property is recognized as a provincial historic site by a plaque erected by the Province of Ontario. The Yonge Street Meeting House is identified as the oldest surviving meeting house in the country and as an important example of Quaker architecture in Canada.