

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

By-law Number XXXX-24

Being a By-law to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest (59 Tyler Street “The Edwin Machell House”).

Whereas under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And whereas on June 25, 2024, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the “Town”) approved the recommendations contained in Report No. PDS24-060 to designate the property municipally known as 59 Tyler Street, as described on the attached Schedule “A” (the “Property”) to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And whereas the Town Clerk caused notice of the intention to designate the Property to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

And whereas there were no objections to the proposed designation of the Property served on the Town, or a person who has served a notice of objection has withdrawn the objection;

And whereas the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to enact a by-law to designate the Property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora hereby enacts as follows:

1. The Property, as described on the attached Schedule “A”, be and is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out on the attached Schedule “B”.
3. The Town Clerk shall serve a copy of this by-law on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and publish notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. A copy of this by-law shall be registered against the Property in the appropriate Land Registry Office.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 24th day of September, 2024.

Tom Mrakas, Mayor

Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

Schedule "A"

Description of Property

All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Aurora, in the Regional Municipality of York, municipally known as 59 Tyler Street, and being composed of PT LT 27 PL 9 AURORA AS IN R165517; Aurora, being all of PIN 03653-0008 (LT), including the primary building thereon.

Schedule "B"**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

59 Tyler Street is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest based on its design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value.

Design and Physical Value:

The property is a representative example of a 1 storey early Ontario Cottage style house. Physical design features of the house include a brick exterior, hipped roof, centered entry, brick voussoirs, chimney, and sash windows. The property is a very rare early dwelling within the Aurora and York Region context.

Historical and Associative Value:

The house is one of the earliest dwellings still remaining in Aurora. It was built circa 1850 and served as the home of Edwin Machell, a son of Richard Machell, a local merchant for whom the namesake Machell's Corners was named after. Edwin Machell and his wife raised four children, of which Walter Machell started the Machell Brickworks company on the land that was later to become home to Collis Leather. The Machell family is significantly connected to the early commercial development of Machell's Corners, which would become the Town of Aurora.

Contextual Value:

The property supports the historic character of the area and serves as an important physical link to its surroundings. The property is located adjacent to a creek and riverbed which provided clay for brick making in the construction of the house, as part of the Machell Brickwork operations as well. The property highlights the early growth and development of the Town, prior to Confederation.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following provides a description of heritage attributes for the property which contribute to the reasons for which the property is of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Important to the preservation of the property are the original key attributes of the building that express its value, which include:

Exterior Elements

- Overall Ontario Cottage style scale and massing
- Brick exterior and voussoirs
- Hipped roof and chimney