

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 147-2016

A By-law to designate the Gallanough Resource Centre, 1 Brooke Street, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990 c.O.18.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate property within the municipality, including all building and structure thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan, after having consulted with its municipal heritage committee, caused a notice of intention to designate the Gallanough Resource Centre to be served on the owner of the property (being the City of Vaughan) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published a notice of intention to designate in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served on the City Clerk of the City of Vaughan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the property located at 1 Brooke Street, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, and known as the Gallanough Resource Centre, being more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, shall be and is hereby designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the statement explaining the reasons the property is of cultural heritage value or interest is as attached hereto in Schedule "B" and forms a part of this By-law.
3. That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law, including reasons for designation of the property as of cultural heritage value or interest and containing a description of the architectural attributes of the property in Schedule "B" hereto, be registered against the title to the aforesaid property in the proper land registry office.
4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law, including reasons for designation of the property as of cultural heritage value or interest and containing a description of the architectural attributes of the property in Schedule "B" hereto, to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust.
5. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to publish notice of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 20th day of September, 2016.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 147-2016

Description of Lands

PIN 032530066

PT LT 70 Registrar's Compiled Plan 9834 VAUGHAN PT 1, 64R4061; VAUGHAN

Designation Report

Gallanough Resource Centre



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Summary

The property at 1 Brooke Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value or interest. The property meets the criteria as set out by the Province of Ontario under Ontario Heritage Act Regulation 9/06 for the categories of design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

Description of Property

The Gallanough Resource Centre is located at the foot of Brooke Street, a street that runs parallel to Yonge Street one block to the west. The property is located on the edge of historic Thornhill and acts as one entrance to a public park to the south of it. The site is outside of the Thornhill Vaughan Heritage Conservation District boundaries.

Neighbouring land uses are low rise residential to the north, a public park and low rise residential to the south, low rise residential to the west and higher densities and mixed use to the east along Yonge Street. The Gallanough Resource Centre is located to the east of the John R. Arnold House (Designation by-law 74-82) and both properties border onto the adjacent public park.

Statement of Cultural Value or Interest

The Gallanough Resource Centre contains architectural, historical, and contextual significance as a community facility that was made possible by donations from Frederick Gallanough and Joe Tanenbaum, becoming a focal point for the nearby community. The building was designed by an architect well respected in the heritage conservation field, Bruce Napier Simpson Jr., in a Prairie and Arts and Crafts architectural style that draws the building into the nearby park and relates to the rural nature of historic Thornhill.

Design/Physical Value

The property at 1 Brooke Street represents two significant influences of 20th century design: Arts and Crafts style and the Prairie style. The building was initially designed to function as a library and public space and continues to serve that purpose.

The Arts and Crafts architectural style, sometimes noted as the Bungalow style, was popular in Vaughan and throughout North America at different periods. In Vaughan, Arts and Crafts buildings were built in 1930s to 1950s in both the Thornhill and Maple Heritage Conservation Districts.

The style is a response to earlier Edwardian styles and uses less ornamentation and utilizes massing and materials that relate to the natural landscape. A description of the Arts and Crafts style from OntarioArchitecture.com writes “Respect for materials, attention to sunlight and garden space, and ornament based on natural objects were standard features in most of their designs” (Shannon Kyles).

Key features of the Arts and Crafts style include (Thornhill Heritage Conservation District Plan):

- low heights of 1 to 1.5 storeys
- architecture and earth-tone materials that blend into the landscape
- bold columns, windows, and features
- brick construction
- exposed rafters

The Prairie style, attributed to Frank Lloyd Wright, is similar in some ways to the Arts and Crafts style but includes more straight horizontal elements in addition to low hipped roofs. The Gallanough Resource Centre is a 1.5 storey building of brick construction with a symmetrical façade and large roof. All of the windows contain bold window-surrounds with little to no ornamentation. The building is expressed through its overall massing as oppose to its details.

Historical or Associative Value

James Gallanough bought land in Concession 1, Lot 30 in 1823 and was one of the early pioneers of Thornhill. Gallanough was a carpenter by trade and was believed to have worked on

some of the earlier buildings in Thornhill. A surviving example would be the property at the corner of Colborne Street and Yonge Street (now located in Markham) which was built on land purchased by Archibald Gallanough in 1843 (Doris M. Fitzgerald, 1973). The municipal address of the site is 7707 Yonge Street and it is Designated Part V under the Ontario Heritage Act by the City of Markham (City of Markham).

One of his descendants, Frederick Gallanough, was a veterinarian who passed away on June 1, 1959 and left a bequest of \$200,000 in order to establish a memorial to the Gallanough family, a prominent family within the Thornhill Village (Doris M. Fitzgerald). The land was donated by Joseph Tanenbaum, a local developer of Runnymede Developments who built the nearby Spring Farm subdivision (Gallanough Resource Centre) (Etan Diamond, 2000). The area that became Spring Farm, bounded by Arnold Avenue, York Hill Boulevard, Bathurst Street, and Yonge Street, was purchased by Tanenbaum in the 1960s on the assumption that development would continue north along Bathurst Street up to Vaughan Township. The Spring Farm development was marketed as a complete community with all required amenities nearby – schools, a community centre, places of worship, parks, and stores, and a library fit into this plan (Stephen Speisman, 1999).

In Frederick Gallanough's Will, he bequest money to be used for a memorial to the Gallanough family in one of three forms:

- "a library building to be erected and known as the 'Gallanough Public Library'"
- "a park with a bandstand to be known as the 'Gallanough Gardens'"
- "a picnic area to be known as the 'Gallanough Picnic Grounds'"

The Will stipulated that the memorial be located in the area known as Thornhill, either in the Town of Markham or the Town of Vaughan. As such, the Town of Markham passed a by-law on June 25, 1974 that they release interest into the Estate of Gallanough (Ronald King, 1974).

The building was designed by architect Bruce Napier Simpson Jr. who said that he designed the building to relate to the "softer rural feeling of Thornhill" (Gallanough Resource Centre). Simpson, an architecture graduate of the University of Toronto, lived from 1925 – 1978. He was "a highly respected restoration architect in Ontario" and a native of Thornhill. Simpson was thoroughly involved with heritage preservation in Ontario and was a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and the Toronto Historical Board, as well as the consulting architect to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Simpson was involved in several projects including the Black Creek Pioneer Village, Century Village, and the Historic Naval and Military Establishments at Penetanguishene (Ontario Heritage Trust). Dr. Anthony Adamson, author of the Ancestral Roof, commissioned Simpson to design a house for himself. Other notable restoration projects included the Gibson House in Willowdale and the Thornhill Village Library in Markham (Thornhill Women's Institute, volume 1) (Toronto Historical Board, 1989).

The building was opened on October 18, 1975 as a Vaughan Public Library.

The building ceased to function as a Vaughan public library in May 1996, but reopened on November 8, 1999 as a community-run facility owned by the City of Vaughan (Gallanough Resource Centre).

Contextual Significance

The building is sited at the foot of Brooke Street, assigned address 1 Brooke Street, and creates a vista along Brooke Street from the Gallanough Resource Centre up north to Thornridge Drive. The building acts as a terminus and a gateway to the public park that is located behind it as well.

The Gallanough Resource Centre has contextual value to the old Village of the Thornhill in its commemoration of an early Thornhill family and the more recent community of Spring Farm. The building would function and continues to function as a community hub for the surrounding community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

General Aspects

- Symmetrical facades and plan
- Earth-tone materials
- Bold and simple details
- Large roof area
- Single interior space for library floor

North, West, East, South facades

Front (North)

- Symmetrical façade
- 3-paneled window on upper storey
- Central entrance
- Opposing sets of 4 windows on side wings
- Opposing chimneys
- Brown brick
- Dark brown asphalt shingles
- Bold simple window surrounds
- Row-lock of bricks 2 feet above the ground
- Simple vergeboard on central gable

Right (West)

- 2-panel window on front entrance
- 3-paneled window with thick window surround and window sill
- Grading dips down to rear of the building into small amphitheater
- Row-lock of bricks 2 feet above the ground
- 2-paneled window on lower level at rear

Left (East)

- 2-paneled window on rear entrance
- Row-lock of bricks 2 feet above the ground
- 2-paneled window on lower level at rear
- 3-paneled window with thick window surround and window sill
- “Library” sign
- Simple vergeboard on gable
- 2-paneled window on front entrance

Rear (South)

Rear Left

- 4-paneled window on top floor, thick window surround
- Matching 2-paneled windows on bottom floor, thick window surround
- Wood-paneled entrance door to left with thick door surround
- Elevator entrance (not a contributing attribute)
- Row-lock continues at same height as front elevation, divides lower and upper storey

Rear Central

- Rear entrance is as prominent as front entrance although it is not used as main entrance. This entrance leads onto park public park with tables and benches
- Central entrance
- 3-paneled window on upper storey
- Simple vergeboard on central gable

- Gallanough Memorial Library sign

Rear Right

- 4-paneled window on top floor, thick window surround
- Matching 2-paneled windows on bottom floor, thick window surround
- Wood-paneled entrance door to left with thick door surround
- Row-lock continues at same height as front elevation, divides lower and upper storey

Interior Features / Description

- Exposed wooden rafters
- Central second floor loft with windows to front and rear entrance and side windows and Juliet balconies overlooking main library floor
- Juliet balconies have “flat” or “false” balusters
- With exception of 2nd floor loft, main library area is one storey with high ceilings
- Wooden railing on inside of four-paneled main floor windows
- All interior windows and doors are original and contain same bold surrounds as exterior windows and doors

Historical/Associative Value

- Designed by architect Bruce Napier Simpson Jr.
- Associated with the Gallanough Family of Thornhill
- Associated with the post-World War II community of the Spring Farm subdivision community

Contextual Value

- Contributes to the character of Brooke Street and Spring Farm subdivision
- Contextually relates to the park surroundings and creates a gateway to the adjacent public park

Appendix 1 – Photos of Property taken by Cultural Heritage staff September 18, 2015

























Sources

The majority of sources are courtesy of the City of Vaughan Archives, City Clerk's Office

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SUMMARY TO BY-LAW 147-2016

This By-law is to Designate the Gallanough Resource Centre, located at 1 Brooke Street, under Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest by meeting the criteria within Ontario Regulation 9/06 as having architectural, historical, and contextual significance.