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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD
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June 8, 1988



Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: Richard Alway
Chairman

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a copy of the City of Brantford Bylaw 124-88 designating the Capitol Theatre, 88 Dalhousie Street under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980.

Also attached is a copy of the registration of said bylaw.

Yours truly,

W. A. Coulson
City Clerk

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cc Mr. P. Marcotte, Manager
Capitol Theatre
P. O. Box 1762
Brantford, Ontario
N3T 5V7

Dennis Jacobs
Brantford Heritage Committee

THE TELEPHONE CITY

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A Bylaw to designate the property located at 88 Dalhousie Street as having architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all of the buildings or structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford has carried out the required notice of intention to designate 88 Dalhousie Street;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the front facade on Dalhousie Street and the interior of the auditorium of the building which forms part of the real property known as 88 Dalhousie Street in the City of Brantford.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The City 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 carry out the public notice as required by Section 29 (6)(b) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

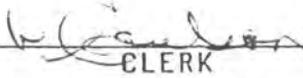
4. The City shall enter into an agreement with the Owner for the installation and maintenance of a plaque distinguishing the property as a designated structure.

READ THE FIRST TIME MAY 02 1988

READ THE SECOND TIME MAY 02 1988

PASSED MAY 02 1988


MAYOR


CLERK

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THIRDLY:

Lot number eleven (11) on the south side of Darling Street in the said City of Brantford according to the registered map of the City of Brantford.

FOURTHLY:

Part of Lot number thirteen (13) on the north side of Dalhousie Street in the said City of Brantford according to registered map of the City of Brantford and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northeast angle of said Lot number thirteen (13)

THENCE South along the easterly limit of said Lot number thirteen (13), fourteen feet (14');

THENCE westerly parallel to the northerly limit of said Lot fifty and one-half (50') links;

THENCE northerly parallel to the easterly limit of said Lot fourteen feet (14') to the northerly limit of said Lot;

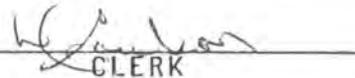
THENCE easterly along the said northerly limit fifty and one-half (50½) links to the place of beginning.

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FIRSTLY:

Part of Lot number thirteen (13) on the north side of Dalhousie Street in the said City of Brantford according to the registered map of the City of Brantford, which said parcel or tract of land is more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southwest angle of said Lot number thirteen (13);

THENCE north eighty-four degrees thirty minutes east (N.84°30'E.) along the northerly limit of Dalhousie Street a distance of forty-four feet ten and one-half inches (44' 10½");

THENCE north five degrees thirty minutes west (N.5°30'W.) a distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet (132') to the northerly limit of said Lot;

THENCE south eighty-four degrees thirty minutes west (S.84°30'W.) a distance of forty-four feet ten and one-half inches (44'10½") to the northwest angle of said Lot;

THENCE south five degrees thirty minutes east (S.5°30'E.) along the westerly limit of said Lot a distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet (132') to the place of beginning.

SECONDLY:

Lot number twelve (12) on the south side of Darling Street in the said City of Brantford according to the registered map of the City of Brantford.

MAY 02 1988

PASSED


MAYOR


CLERK

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION

THE TEMPLE THEATRE, now the Capitol Theatre, 88 Dalhousie Street, is recommended for designation on architectural and historical grounds.

When the Temple Theatre opened in 1919, it was called "Brantford's supreme playhouse". Designed by Thomas H. Lamb of New York and built at a cost of above \$350,000.00 the Temple Theatre boasted the City's first steel girder suspended ceiling, fireproof construction, and a combined heating and ventilation system.

The Temple Theatre has been home to vaudeville, road-shows, the dance, the symphony, photoplays, and motion pictures. In 1929, the theatre was wired for sound at a cost of \$30,000.00 and in May of that year, the Temple introduced the "talkie" to Brantford.

The theatre's grand, romantic, ambition for the years immediately after WWI is expressed via the building's attitude toward styling.

The Dalhousie Street frontispiece displays a large, multi-paned thermal window set into the tooled stone facing, and a decorative frieze.

The wide open space of the theatre auditorium, at present capable of seating 1,200, is a dramatic change from the deep and narrow vestibule, foyer and halls. The seating arrangement focuses on a proscenium arch. The walls of the theatre are decorated with pilasters which form arches above themselves. Above the arches are triangular "alcoves". The vaulted ceiling is ornamented with raised ribs. On the diagonal ribs, wheel-shaped chandeliers hang. A huge medallion lying at the confluence of the diagonal ribs is embellished by a sun's ray pattern. The most splendid wheel-shaped chandelier hangs from the centre of the medallion.

Advanced building techniques for the time of its construction, an historic role in the City's performing and cinematic arts, an interior vista plan and fanciful exterior and interior decoration confirm the aptness of dubbing the Temple Theatre, "Brantford's Supreme Playhouse".

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