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MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall

Lindsay, Ontario

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January 15th, 1980.

Ontario Heritage Foundation, 7th Floor, 77 Bloor Street West, TORONTO, Ontario, M7A 2R9.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose photocopy of our by-law #2-80 and #3-80 which designates property within the Town of Lindsay known as the Academy Theatre and Victoria Park Armoury as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

In accordance with instructions under the Heritage Act, these copies are being provided to you for your information and file,

I would point out that copies are registered against the property in the local Registry Office as well as a copy being sent to the owners and being advertised as set out in the By-Law.

Yours truly,

WBB/PC

W. B. Bates, Clerk-Administrator.

Encl.

BY-LAW NUMBER
2-80

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE ACADEMY
THEATRE, LINDSAY, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR
INTEREST.

CORPORATION
OF THE
TOWN OF LINDSAY

TOWN OF LINDSAY
BY-LAW NO. 2-80

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE ACADEMY THEATRE, LINDSAY, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act S.O. 1974, Chap. 122 as amended by 1975, Chap. 87, Part IV provides that the council of a municipality may designate a property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of historical and/or architectural value or interest and

WHEREAS Notice of Intent to designate said property has been given in accordance with said Act, Part IV, Sect. 29, subsection 3.4, and

WHEREAS no objection to the proposed desingation has been served on the clerk of the municipality

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINDSAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historic interest or value the front or westerly exterior of the top two stories and the chimneys of the property known as The Academy Theatre, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. This designation shall not preclude any changes that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the building and offices herein contained but that any and all such changes shall be in keeping with the original and present character of the building and in consultation with the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.
- 2. The municipality is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property desribed in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law 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 by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circualtion in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.
- 4. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof.

Read a first time on: 100 7 100 A MAYOR
Read a second time on: 100 7 100 A MAYOR
Read a third time and
finally passed on: 100 7 100 W Batta CLERK

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of

By-law No.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Lindsay,

CLERK
TOWN OF LINDSAY

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2-80

TOWN OF LINDSAY

The frontor westerly exterior of the top two storeys and the chimneys of the premises on that property in the Town of Lindsay located on the southeast corner of Lindsay Street and Kent Street, known as The Academy Theatre, and bearing municipal address, 2 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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Construction: Brick built 1892

Architect: W. Blackwell, Peterborough, Ontario.

The Academy Theatre is a significant landmark historically, architecturally and culturally. The building was originally called The Academy of Music and the first performance in it was presented on January 5th, 1893. During its early years, it flourished as a live theatre and many well known performers, such as Marie Dressler and the Dumbells, performed on its stage. It was one of the original silent movie houses east of Toronto, with the first movie being shown there in 1913. The theatre gradually fell into disuse and closed its doors in 1956. In 1963 the people of Lindsay bought and restored it, and it now has become one of the foremost of the new theatres in Canada.

Architecturally: the theatre has romanesque implications with its rounded pilasters, its gabled parpet and its darkred colour. The theatre's symmetry of design and rectangular windows also suggest a classical style of architecture. This theatre was peculiar to North American and was popular from 1865 to 1895.

Therefore, because of its historical, architectural and cultural significance, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lindsay recommends that the front or westerly exterior of the top two storeys and the chimneys of the above mentioned lands and premises be designated as a property having historic or architectural value or interest pursuant to the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act.