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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

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February 19, 1980

Mrs. Kathy McLaughlin
Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street, West, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Please be advised that Bylaw 2-80 (certified copy enclosed) of the City of Brantford, being a bylaw to designate The Tisdale House at 20-22 Nelson Street, Brantford, Ontario, has now been registered as Instrument Number A 240402 on February 14, 1980, at the Land Registry Division of Brant (no. 2) as required under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Yours truly,

Marguerite Tedder, Secretary
Brantford Heritage Committee

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Encl.

FEB 25 1980

THE TELEPHONE CITY

BYLAW NO. 2-80

of

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A bylaw to designate the property known as The Tisdale House at 20-22 Nelson Street as being of architectural and Historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as The Tisdale House at 20-22 Nelson Street 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 a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

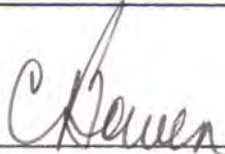
THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the real property known as The Tisdale House at 20-22 Nelson Street;
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' 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 cause notice of the passing of this bylaw to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brantford once for each three consecutive Weeks.

FIRST READING: JAN 21 1980


SECOND READING: JAN 21 1980

PASSED: FEB 11 1980


MAYOR


CLERK

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2-80 passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford at its meeting held on

February 10, 1980

CITY CLERK

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AT 20 - 22 NELSON STREET

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Brantford in the County of Brant in the Province of Ontario being composed of part of Lots 2 and 3 on the south side of Chatham Street and part of Lots 3 and 4 on the north side of Nelson Street in the said City of Brantford, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeastern angle of the said Lot 4;

THENCE westerly along the northern limit of Nelson Street 85.67 feet;

THENCE northerly parallel with the western limit of the said Lot 3 on the north side of Nelson Street a distance of 96.5 feet;

THENCE westerly parallel to the northern limit of the said Lot 3 on the north side of Nelson Street a distance of 13.54 feet;

THENCE northerly parallel with the western limit of the said Lot 3 on the north side of Nelson Street a distance of 20.5 feet;

THENCE westerly parallel with Nelson Street 66.46 feet to the western limit of the said Lot 3 on the north side of Nelson Street;


THENCE northerly along the said western limit and along the western limit of the said Lot 2 on the south side of Chatham Street a distance of 41.0 feet;

THENCE easterly and parallel to Chatham Street 85.67 feet;

THENCE southerly and parallel with Queen Street 27.0 feet to a point distant 1.0 foot southerly from the northern limit of the said Lot 4;

THENCE easterly parallel with the northern limit of the said Lot 4 a distance of 80.0 feet to the western limit of Queen Street;

THENCE southerly along the westerly limit of Queen Street 131.0 feet to the place of beginning and being the lands described in Registered Instrument Number A135971 for the City of Brantford.



George Smeaton,
Ontario Land Surveyor.

City of Brantford,
Engineering Dept.
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PASSED: FEB 11 1980

MAYOR: 

CLERK: 

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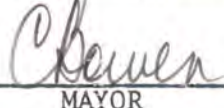

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Reasons for the designation of the Tisdale House at 20-22 Nelson Street.

The Tisdale House, built in 1866-7 is designated on architectural grounds as one of the best examples of the Italianate style in Ontario and as the oldest and finest Italianate "villa" in Brantford. This well-preserved yellow brick building displays features typical of the Italianate house style: a three-storey tower with ornamental iron balcony, round-arched windows with stone hood-moulds and vermiculated keystones, bay windows, a main door with round and rounded panels and semi-circular transom light, quoins and a bracketed cornice. The house also sports a deep, polygonal porch projecting toward Queen Street and a large servants' quarters, behind. The servant's quarters has Victorian, rounded dormers.

The Tisdale House also has historical significance. It was erected by B. G. Tisdale, owner of the important Brantford Stove Works, and one-time Councillor for the Town of Brantford. He also funded the construction of the Masonic Hall on Colborne Street. It is said that the Tisdale House has some relation to the telephone's invention and early testing. Mrs. William Brooks married a Tisdale after her first husband's death and subsequently resided at the Tisdale House. She was the woman who sang over the telephone for 23 guests gathered at Tutela Heights for the second testing of Alexander Graham Bell's new invention, August 4, 1876.

The Tisdale House is, furthermore, harmonious in a neighbourhood of two-storey brick buildings. Its elaborate iron fence fronting both Queen and Nelson Streets adds to the beauty of the house and streetscape.

PASSED: FEB 11 1980

MAYOR

CLERK