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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD
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April 12, 1985

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77 Bloor Street West
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Attention: Mr. John White, Chairman

Dear Mr. White:

Please be advised that Bylaw 8-85 (certified copy enclosed) of the City of Brantford, being a bylaw to designate the property located at 138 William Street, Brantford, Ontario has now been registered as Instrument Number A 292750 on March 27, 1985, at the Land Registry Division of Brant (No. 2) as required under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Yours truly,

W. A. Coulson
City Clerk

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THE TELEPHONE CITY

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 8-85, passed by the Council of The Corporation of City of Brantford at its meeting held

January 21, 1985
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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lyng and being in the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, and having composed of

FIRSTLY: the Southerly part of Lot Number 32 on the West side of William Street, said parcel having a frontage on William Street, said parcel having a frontage on William Street of 19 feet and running back same width the full depth of said Lot and having for its Southerly boundary the Southerly boundary of said Lot, and

SECONDLY; the Northerly part of Lot Number 31 on the West side of William Street said parcel having a frontage on William Street of 28 feet and running back same width the full depth of said Lot and having for its Northerly boundary the Northerly boundary of this said Lot;

TOGETHER WITH a right-of-way over parts of Lots Numbers Thirty (30) and Thirty-one (31) on the west side of William Street described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on Henrietta Street a distance of Seventy-eight feet (78') Westerly from the southeasterly angel of said Lot Thirty (30);

THENCE Northerly and parallel with William Street a distance of One Hundred and Five feet (105');

THENCE Westerly and parallel with Henrietta Street a distance of Ten feet (10');

THENCE Southerly and parallel with William Street a distance of One Hundred and Five feet (105') more or less to Henrietta Street;

THENCE Easterly along Henrietta Street a distance of Ten feet (10') to the place of beginning. Said right-of-way to be used in common with all the owners and occupants of said Lots Thirty (30) and Thirty-one (31) for all time to come.

Buff brick building painted in buff colour, brick quoins, gothic arch window in gable, low hipped shingled roof with centre gable tudoresque transom light above entranceway with evidence of earlier sidelights, cornice boxed gable decorated with return and intricate barge board gable insert. Double hang such windows, one single stack chimney on side wall, a one step concrete porch platform with rod iron side railings. Arch radiating voussoirs with keystone above windows and entranceway. All trim, voussoirs, door, windows and bargeboard are painted dark brown.

138 William Street was the home of Brantford born Thomas B. Costain who wrote "Sons of a Hundred Kings" a nostalgic novel about Brantford, and "The Chord of Steel". He was in his time considered a contemporary writer.

A city public school was christened in his honour. During his lifetime he worked for the Brantford Courier, the Brantford Expositor, the Guelph Mercury. He was Editor of Maclean's Magazine in Toronto; he became Senior Associate Editor of the Saturday Evening Post, he was appointed Eastern Editor of 20th Century Fox, Advising Editor to Doubleday Publishing Company.

He wrote and sold his first book "For My Great Folly" followed by "Ride With Me"; "The Conquerors" and "The Magnificent Century". All his novels were Book Club Selections. In 1952 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Western Ontario.

In 1965 he received the "Golden Medallion" from the Canadian Club of New York.

Costain was buried in Farringdon Burial Ground, 1965. He was an outstanding editor, literary scout, novelist, biographer and historian. Over 15 million of his books were sold and two were made into motion pictures and two were serialized on the CBC.

Costain was one of Brantford's most distinguished sons, a world figure who brought entertainment and enlightenment to millions of people, he never forgot Brantford, he loved this City and this Country.