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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S. O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 253 DURHAM STREET EAST

IN THE TOWN OF WALKERTON

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: The Corporation of the Town of Walkerton

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerton intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as

The Walkerton Public Library
253 Durham Street East
Walkerton, Ontario

as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S. O. Chapter 122.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The Walkerton Public Library or Carnegie Library (now the Bruce County Library, Walkerton Branch) is recommended for designation on historical, architectural and contextual grounds.

The Walkerton Library Board, formerly the Mechanics' Institute and Association, was established in 1875 by a few literary minded citizens. In 1912, a Carnegie Foundation grant of \$10,000 was received by the Library Board to erect a Free Public Library. A building lot was provided by Town Council to aid the Library Board in its erection. The Board approved the plans and specifications of George Gray, an architect from Harriston, Ontario. Constructed in 1913-14 by the local firm of R.E. Truax & Son, the new Library was opened to the general public on March 30th, 1914.

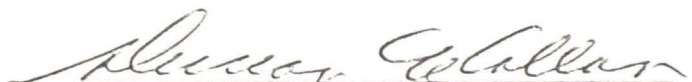
This one storey, red brick and concrete block building exhibits numerous features associated with the Classical Revival style, such as: a two-column porticoed entrance, with matching engaged columns. The basically unaltered interior contains a rich assortment of locally manufactured millwork, such as: Ionic columns, free-standing and wall-mounted book shelves, baseboards, floors, and window and door trim. The interior is further enhanced by the presence of stained glass windows and decorative metal clad ceilings.

The Walkerton Public Library is an important heritage property due to its prominent location on main street (Durham St.), and its retention enhances the character of the surrounding business district.

Any person may, before the 23 day of SEPTEMBER 1983 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerton notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerton will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at Victoria Jubilee Hall (Town Hall)

this 52 day of August, 1983


Clerk