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BY - LAW NUMBER 337-1999

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, KNOWN AS 353 FREEDOM WAY/37 UNIVERSITY AVENUE EAST, TO BE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 8th day of November, 1999.

**WHEREAS** by virtue of the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, it is deemed desirable and expedient to designate the property described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law, locally known as the Major F.A. Tilston VC Armoury [previously the Windsor Armoury] and municipally known as 353 Freedom Way/37 University Avenue East, in the City of Windsor (the "subject property"), to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** notice of intention to so designate the subject property was served on the owner(s) of the subject property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and such notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection was served on the Clerk of the municipality within 30 days of such publication.

**THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That the above defined subject property be and the same is hereby designated to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest.
2. That this by-law shall come into force and effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is registered in the Land Registry Office for Essex (No. 12).



MICHAEL HURST, MAYOR



THOMAS LYND, CITY CLERK

First Reading - November 8, 1999  
Second Reading - November 8, 1999  
Third Reading - November 8, 1999

**This is Schedule "A" to By-law 337-1999 of The Corporation of  
the City of Windsor**

Lot 16, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 17, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 18, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 19, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 20, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 21, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Lot 22, Plan 333 WINDSOR;

Part Lot 15, Plan 333 WINDSOR as in WC22201 ;

WINDSOR,

being the whole of PIN 01171-0380 (LT)

# **This is Schedule "B" to By-law 337-1999 of The Corporation of the City of Windsor**

## *REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:*

### **Historical**

The original military facility in Windsor was a collection of wooden barracks in the vicinity of City Hall Square. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was determined that these buildings were inadequate and that a more appropriate building should be erected on the main street to house the Twenty-first Regiment of Essex County (Fusiliers). The original main entrance to the building faced Ouellette Avenue across a parade ground. This parade ground was developed for commercial uses during the first two decades of the century, which obscured this impressive main entrance on the west facade. At this time the north-facing troop door became the main entrance. In 1994 the Windsor Armoury was officially renamed and dedicated The Major F. A. Tilston VC Armoury, in honour of the Essex Scottish "Hero of the Hochwald" of Second World War fame. It is now the home of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment, the Windsor Regiment (Canadian Armored Corps), Army Cadet Corps 1086 and the Windsor District Military Band. This downtown landmark has hosted almost 100 years of military and civic functions, from welcoming home survivors of the Boer War, World War I and II, the Korean War and peacekeeping/emergency relief missions - to concerts, athletic events, Poor Boy Luncheons and Chili Fests. Through it all the Armouries has retained its aura of greatness - a proud physical link with Windsor's rich and interesting past.

### **Architectural**

Richardsonian Romanesque architectural style building in excellent condition; original two-storey rectangular building started in 1900 and completed in 1902 is 200' x 100'; (architect: David Ewart, Federal Department of Public Works; builder: Sullivan & Langdon, Kingston; cost: approximately \$60,000); octagonal castellated turret at the north corner; red brick with cut stone foundation and stone trimming; large stone entrance on west side with oak door flanked by sets of five two-storey arched windows (this was the original front entrance to the Armouries - facing the parade ground); large stone entrance on north side with oak door flanked by arched two-storey windows; large arched window over door; the south elevation with bank of four identical arched windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and an arched ½ window on the gable end; roof of galvanized shingles with tar and gravel over the armouries; the 98' x 68' two-storey red brick, cut stone and reinforced concrete addition (on the east side of the original structure) constructed in 1935 (architects: Sheppard, Masson & Trace, Windsor; builder: R. J. Wilson, Ltd. ; cost: \$65,000); the east elevation with 12 pairs of windows on the second storey with eleven windows and a small arched door on the first floor.