



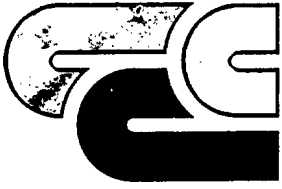
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The Corporation
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December 7, 1987
File: AC-65

Ministry of Citizenship and Culture,
Heritage Branch,
77 Bloor St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.
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Attention: Louise Chipper

Dear Louise:

Please be advised that the City of Cambridge enacted By-law 353-87 on November 23, 1987 designating 215 Queen Street West under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Encls.

Yours truly,

Gary Sosnoski,
LACAC Co-ordinator/
Clerk's Assistant

Burnt down.

BY-LAW NO. 353-87

OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being a By-law of the City of Cambridge to designate the exterior (excluding window sash) of 215 Queen Street West, Cambridge, Ontario (Silknit - Lower Mill Complex) as a property of historic and architectural significance.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, c. 337 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value of interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to so designate 215 Queen Street West, Cambridge, Ontario, have been duly published and served;

AND WHEREAS it is considered desirable to designate the property known as 215 Queen Street West, Cambridge, Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS: -

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historic significance the exterior of the original structure (excluding window sash) located on the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A", "B", and "C" attached hereto, known as 215 Queen Street West, Cambridge, Ontario. The reasons for designation are as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. THAT the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the said property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Cambridge.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

ENACTED AND PASSED, THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 1987


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 353-87

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (formerly in the Town of Hespeler) and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot 64, Plan 832.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 353-87

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Architectural Description

The subject buildings, referred to as the Lower Mill Complex, are comprised of the following sections outlined on the 1901 Fire Insurance Map as the "Robert Forbes Co. Ltd. Buildings" (See attached Schedule "C"). All sections are constructed of lime-stone rubblestone with the exception of the exterior staircase which is board and batten.

1. Main mill (No. 1) is constructed parallel to the Speed River and runs northeast to southwest.
2. No. 1 wing is attached to the southwest end of the No. 1 Main Mill. It is constructed perpendicular to the Speed River and runs from northwest to southeast.
3. The stone tower (circa 1900) is a five storey limestone structure attached to the southeast corner of the No. 1 Wing.
4. The enclosed exterior staircase is attached to the southeast facade of No. 1 Main Mill.

The designated features of the buildings are as follows:

1. all exterior wall materials and treatment including; roughly coursed limestone rubblestone with stuck relief joints; string courses on the tower; board and batten cladding on the stair tower; all stone quoining; wide flat relief joints on tower lintels;
2. all existing roof profiles and features including the stone cap on the tower; flared metal eaves with simple cornice lines;
3. all existing openings including associated voussoirs, keystones and lugsills;
4. all tie rod rondels.

The architectural features of the building are detailed in the Lacac Building Description dated June, 1987.

Historical Description

The site on which the Mill is located was deeded to Joseph Oberhöltzer in 1833. He constructed a frame saw mill there in the 1840's. Jacob Hespeler purchased the property in 1863 and re-deeded it to George and Shubert Randall and Herbert Marshall Farr. The frame mill (then known as the Krib's Mill) was moved to Forbes Street by Lewis Kribs in 1864 to make room for the construction of a new stone mill.

The general contract for the new mill was awarded to Lewis Kribs and the masonry contract to Halle and Pabst, both of Hespeler. Shafts and running gears were supplied by Goldie and McCulloch of Galt. The mill which operated as Randall, Farr and Company was sold to Robert Forbes and Jonathan Schofield in 1874. It continued to operate as Jonathan Schofield and Co. until Schofield's retirement in 1880 when it became the Robert Forbes Co. Ltd.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BY-LAW 353-87
OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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Reasons for Designation

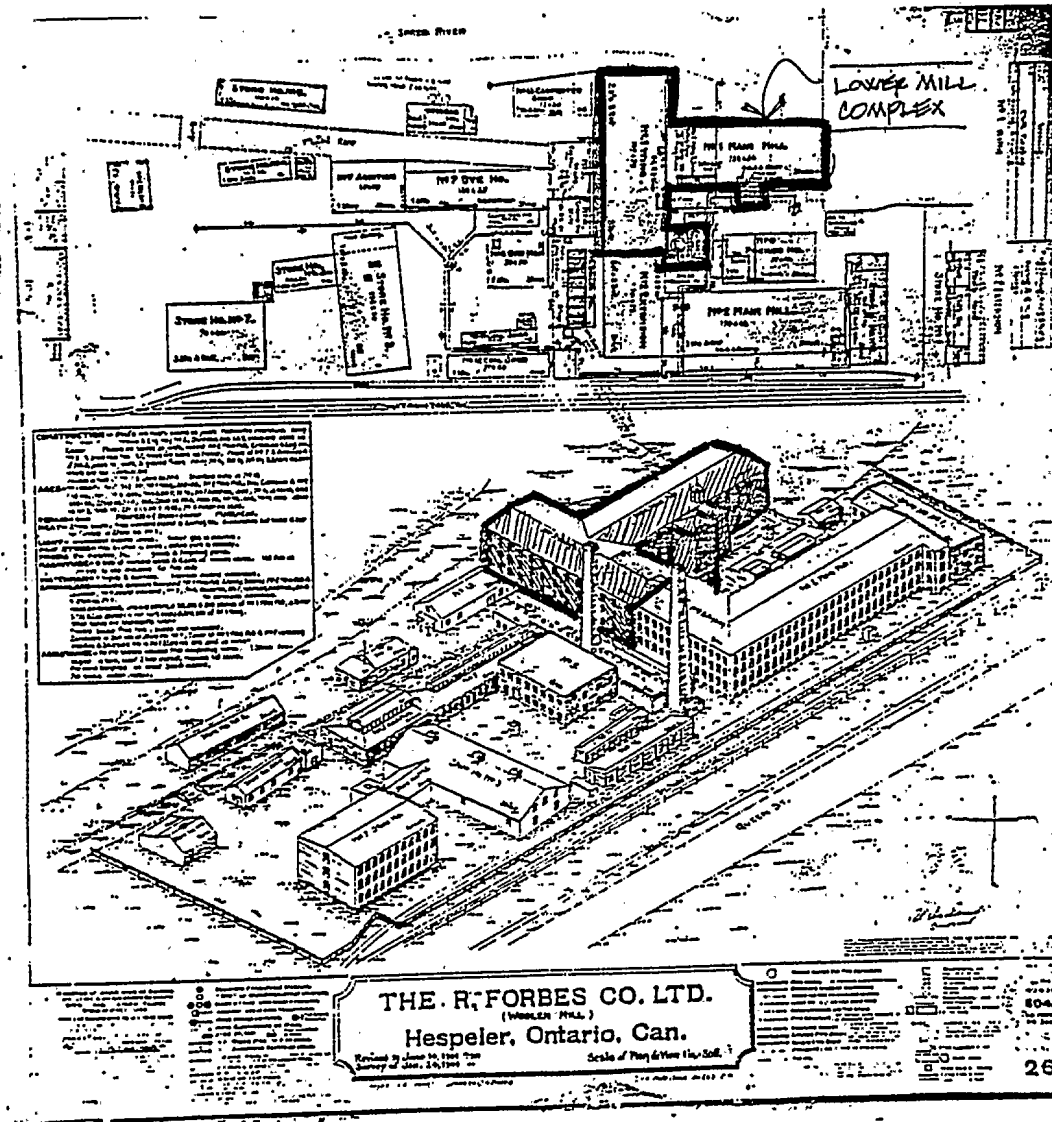
- (a) Historical Significance
 - (i) It dates from an early period in the development of the city's communities.
 - (ii) It is associated with a person who is recognized as having made a significant contribution to the city's social, cultural, political, economic, technological or physical development or as having materially influenced the course of local, regional, provincial, national, or international history.
 - (iii) It is a well preserved example and illustration of the city's social, cultural, political, economic or technological development history.
- (b) Architectural Significance
 - (i) It is a well preserved, representative example of a method of construction now rarely used.
 - (ii) It is a good, well-preserved and representative example of its architectural style or period of building.
 - (iii) It terminates a view or otherwise makes an important contribution to the urban composition or streetscape of which it forms a part.

SCHEDULE "C"

BY-LAW NO. 353-87

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE



THE R. FORBES CO. LIMITED BUILDINGS AS THEY APPEARED IN 1901

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, and in the matter of the lands and premises at 215 Queen Street West (Silkmit - Lower Mill Complex), in the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, and Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge has passed By-law No. 353-87, to designate the following property of architectural and historic significance under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, Chapter 337.

215 Queen Street West
(Silkmit - Lower Mill Complex)

DATED at the City of Cambridge this 25th day of November, 1987.

J. Anderson
City Clerk