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██████████
c/o The Old Post Office Restaurant
12½ Water Street South
Cambridge, Ontario

Dear ██████████,

I would like to inform you that the designation of your property at 12½ Water Street, South, has now been completed and a copy of the By-law so recognizing this designation under the Ontario Heritage Act is attached for your information. Please note that a copy of the By-law together with the reasons for the designation of your property will be registered on title at the local land registry office. Should you have any outstanding questions with regards to the designation procedure, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mats Flemstrom at our Planning Department offices - telephone 623-1340.

Yours truly,

Joy Rayner
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Planner

CC: The Ontario Heritage Foundation

BY-LAW NO. 2291

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

A By-law to designate 12½ Water Street South, Cambridge, Ontario, as being of architectural value and of historic interest.

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

WHEREAS Notice of Intention to so designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 12½ Water Street, South, Cambridge, Ontario, has been duly published and served; and

WHEREAS it is considered desirable to designate the property known as 12½ Water Street, South, Cambridge, Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest, the exterior of the old Post Office and Customs Building, 12½ Water Street, South, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. The reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. 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.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1982.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2291

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 City of Galt), and being composed of Part of Lot Number 29, according to Registered Plan D-7, and Part of Lot 1, South of Main Street, and West of Water Street, according to Registered Plan Number 615, and more particularly described as Part 2, according to Registered Reference Plan No. 67R - 1525; known municipally as 12½ Water Street, South.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW No. 2291

The exterior of 12½ Water Street South, originally called the Galt Customs House and Post Office, now known as the Old Post Office, is designated for historical and architectural reasons. Historically, the building was designed by Thomas Fuller, Dominion architect, as one of many buildings intended by the government of Sir John A. Macdonald and his successors to impressively express the presence of the federal government across Canada. Fuller also designed the Parliamentary Library in Ottawa, which survives of his earlier Parliament Buildings. The Old Post Office building is dated 1885 and was constructed by Michael A. Pigott, founder of a construction firm that became internationally known.

Architecturally, the building is an eclectic mix of architectural styles, mainly French and Italian, but it is based on the popular 19th century Italianate style. It is built of pink and gray local granite finished in the rock-faced style, with limestone architectural feature work. The building has the most elaborate exterior in Cambridge. Outstanding architectural features include: mansard roof, deeply recessed windows, round-topped arches, entrance porch with tessellated marble floor, square tower and "apse-like" projection, gable bossage, massive chimney stack, slate roof, elaborate floor designs carved in stone, decorative iron grille and coloured glass windows. The building was meant to be seen from all sides and was finished accordingly.

DATED NOVEMBER 1ST, A.D. 1982.

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3RD READING:

J. Anderson
City Clerk