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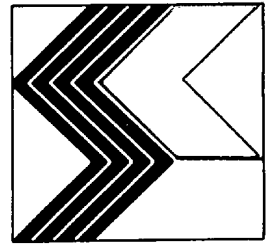
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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

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REGISTERED MAIL

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act  
77 Bradley Street,  
Corporation Plan No. 6, Part Lot 82  
File: 10.64.140

Please be advised that on June 8, 1992, City Council passed a by-law designating the above-noted property pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 92-192 are enclosed for your records.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at (416) 688-5600, extension 710.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski  
Planner I

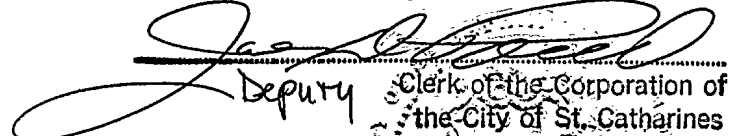
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CERTIFIED COPY

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the  
Seal of the  
CITY OF ST. CATHARINES CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES  
to be a TRUE COPY of By-law No. 92-193  
of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

BY-LAW NO. 92-193 DATED the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE 1992

  
Deputy Clerk of the Corporation of  
the City of St. Catharines

A By-law to designate the property at 77 Bradley Street to be of historic  
or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the  
council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within  
the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property  
and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines  
has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in  
Schedule "A" hereto, known as No. 77 Bradley Street, and upon the Ontario  
Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has  
caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a  
general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive  
weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B"  
hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been  
served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

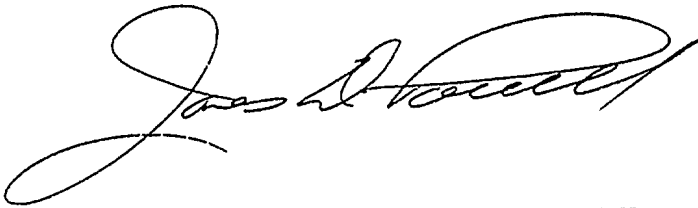
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES  
enacts as follows:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A"  
attached hereto, known as No. 77 Bradley Street, is hereby designated to  
be of historic or architectural value or interest.

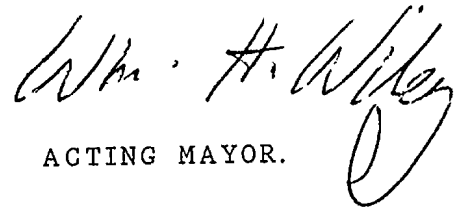
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the 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 St. Catharines.

Read a first time this 8TH day of June 1992.  
Read a second time this 8TH day of June 1992.  
Read a third time and passed this 8TH day of June 1992.



DEPUTY CLERK



ACTING MAYOR.

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 92-193

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the Town of Merritton, in the County of Lincoln, and being composed of Part of Lot No. 821, according to the compiled plan of the said Town filed in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln, now Niagara North, as Corporation Plan No. 6, which said parcel may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at an iron stake marking the north-east angle of the said lot;

THENCE North 84 degrees and 52 minutes West in the southerly limit of Lock Street, 66.43 feet to an iron stake;

THENCE South 4 degrees and 40 minutes and 30 seconds West to, along and in the southerly production of a party wall of a one and one-half storey stone dwelling, 51.83 feet to an iron stake;

THENCE South 85 degrees and 19 minutes and 30 seconds East, 10.54 feet to an iron stake;

THENCE South 5 degrees and 51 minutes East, 113.1 feet more or less to an iron stake in the southerly limit of the said lot;

THENCE South 85 degrees and 36 minutes East in the southerly limit of the said lot, 50.35 feet more or less to a concrete monument marking the south-east angle of the said lot;

THENCE North 0 degrees and 38 minutes West in the easterly limit of the said lot, 163.34 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

Lands as previously described in Instrument No. 418374.

SCHEDULE "B"

RECOMMENDATION TO ST. CATHARINES CITY COUNCIL  
FOR DESIGNATION OF 77 BRADLEY STREET  
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO (MERRITTON)

Prepared by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

July 1991

### 77 Bradley Street

Present Part Lot 82, Corporation Plan 6  
Past - Lot 10, Concession 10, Grantham

### OWNERSHIP

The property including the attached 79 Bradley Street was originally part of 100 acres of crown land.

1804 - all 100 acres deeded to Jacob Ball Sr.

1809 - land transferred to Jacob Ball Jr.

1815 - transferred to Eliza Kerr, Jacob Ball's daughter.

1832 - transferred to Eliza Kerr's sons John, Peter and Henry

1843 - part of the 100 acres containing 77 and 79 Bradley Street sold to the Board of Works, by Peter and Henry Kerr.

1844 - John Kerr sold part to the Board of Works.

1851 - transferred to the Commissioner of the Welland Canal Loan Co.  
77 and 79 Bradley constructed in 1851.

1954 - land granted by Her Majesty The Queen to the Corporation of the Town of Merritton.

1955 - sold to Alexander and Sarah Ednie by the Corporation of the Town of Merritton.

19?? - sold to [REDACTED]

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

During the boom of the 1840's created by the construction of the Canal, there was a massive influx of unemployed people into the St. Catharines area. The Irish, in particular, were fleeing one of the greatest 19th Century famines. This created some hardship in the community to provide housing for the influx.

Crudely constructed buildings of wooden slabs went up daily in the Oak-Elm Street section of Merritton. This area was soon nick-named Slabtown.

It was the battle (more of a skirmish) of Slabtown that eventually led to the decision to build the Locktenders homes.

On July 12th 1849, the Orangemen were celebrating the "Glorious Twelfth", an occasion commemorating the "Battle of the Boyne" at a local lodge. Upon hearing of this, some of the Irish Catholics set out to put a stop to it. A local priest managed to calm down the men and convinced them they should take an alternate route home.

A few of the men still decided to go to the "Duffins Inn" where they struck up 3 cheers, one for the Queen; one for the Governor, and one for the Pope. During the last cheer, one of the men who had become inebriated, fired a shot from his pistol. The shot broke through one of the lodge windows resulting in a melee killing two men and seriously wounding two others.

This conflict led to other problems. That same day, a Catholic locktender, passing a vessel through a lock was assailed by two Orangemen. The slab houses were also victims of vandalism. Tensions were great enough to require the Government to station a corps to keep peace.

The Chief Engineer of the Board of Works, Hamilton H. Killaly recommended that sturdy dwellings constructed of stone be built to accommodate the men tending the locks. Thus, the series of locktenders houses.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Built in 1851, the building was always a semi-detached 1-1/2 storey structure.

The red-brown sandstone stone was cut from a quarry within 500 feet south-west of the site.

The corners are accented with white rectangular white limestone quoins.

The roof is a simple gable roof with simple chimneys at each end. The gable ends are trimmed with extended bargeboard and eave returns with a decorative friezeboard.

The front facade door is set in a plain frame. Windows are simple double-hung windows. Both door and windows have stone lintels and sills.

An eyebrow window under the eaves provide light for the upper storey.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Welland Canals had a tremendous impact on the settling and growth of St. Catharines. Much of our past is owing to the industries and the men and women who worked them, including the Locktenders who navigated the ships through the locks as they climbed the mountain at Merritton.

IACAC recommends that Council, at the request of the present owners [REDACTED], designate 77 Bradley Street, as a landmark for its cultural, historical and architectural significance to the community of St. Catharines.



