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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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July 30, 1996

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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To Whomever This May Concern:

Re: Designation Under The Ontario Heritage Act  
St. Catharines Armoury, 81 Lake Street  
St. Catharines  
Our File No. 10.64.157

Please be advised that on July 29, 1996, City Council passed a by-law designating the above noted property pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 96-246 are enclosed for your records.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5600 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



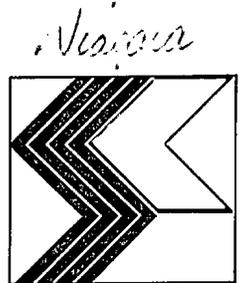
Kevin Blozowski,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

cc: Denis Squires, Legal Services  
Kenneth R. Todd, City Clerk

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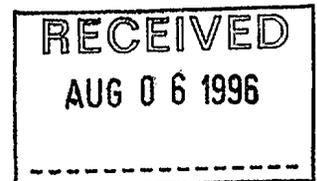


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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 96-246

A By-law to designate the property at 81 Lake 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. 81 Lake 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;

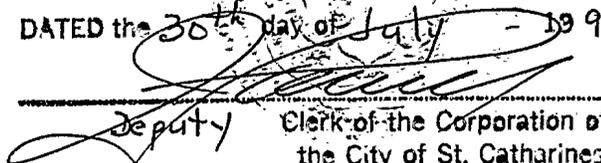
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

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. 81 Lake Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 96-246 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July - 1996

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

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	29 <sup>th</sup>	day of July	1996.
Read a second time this	29 <sup>th</sup>	day of July	1996.
Read a third time and passed this	29 <sup>th</sup>	day of July	1996.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR.

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 96-246

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 County of Lincoln), and Province of Ontario containing by admeasurement one and eighty-six hundredths of an acres of land be the same more or less.

COMPOSED of part of Lot No. 19 in the fifth and sixth concessions of the Township of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln, with part of the allowance for road lying between said concessions situate lying and being in the City of St. Catharines and known as the Stephenson Gardens property.

COMMENCING at the point of intersection of the north side of Welland Avenue with the west side of Lake Street, thence south sixty-nine degrees and nineteen minutes West in the north limit of Welland Avenue one hundred and eighty-six feet and four inches to the west limit of the said property, thence North one and one-half degrees east in the said west limit four hundred and ninety-four feet and four inches to Elizabeth Street, thence North eighty-seven and one half degrees East in the south limit of Elizabeth Street one hundred and seventy-six feet and six inches to Lake Street, and thence South one and three quarter degrees west in the west limit of Lake Street four hundred and thirty-six feet and eight inches to the place of beginning.

## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 96-246

### SUMMARY

The Armoury was designated because of its historical association with the development of the Active Volunteer Militia during the period preceding the First World War, because of the quality of the architecture, and because of its contextual importance.

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

A by-law to acquire land for a military headquarters was passed in 1902. Before that there was a drill shed near the Academy on Church Street.

The Armoury was constructed in 1905, to plans prepared by the Federal Department of Public Works under the direction of architect T.W. Fuller. It was designated to serve as the regimental headquarters of the local militia and continues to function as a drill hall.

The building opened in 1906, with military precision and the pomp of musical ceremonies which featured the 19th Regiment Band, the 19th Bugle Band, the Highland Piper's Band of London, and the Merritton Town Band.

The original occupants of the building were the 19th Lincoln Regiment, the 7th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, and the 2nd Dragoons. It was from the Armoury that local Militia Units left to go overseas in 1914 and 1939. The battle honours of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment are recorded on the walls of the Armoury.

### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The bulky, rectangular shape of the armoury is relieved by an irregular roofline and the stylistic diversity of its two basic constituents. The expansive gable roof and the rhythmic course of arched windows marking the drill hall contrast with the crenellated towers, jutting chimneys, and rigorous fenestration pattern of the street elevations. It is important to respect these distinctions.

The use of consistent materials and continuous horizontal elements unifies the overall composition. Throughout, quarry faced stonework is juxtaposed with fields of flat brickwork, accentuating the visual links afforded by the massive foundation, string courses, and copings. The interplay of colours and textures inherent on the masonry is an essential feature which should be carefully preserved.

### CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The historical appearance and the scale of the armoury's street facades suit the tree lined, urban setting. Although the former parade square now serves as a parking lot, the existence of flat open grounds adjacent to the drill hall perpetuates a traditional relationship with the site. The resulting vista complements the monumental image of the Lake Street facade and re-inforces the buildings landmark status.