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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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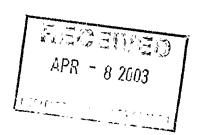
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Ontario Heritage Foundation 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

To Whomever This May Concern:

Re:

Designation of 18 Merritt Street

Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Our File No. 10.64.168

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of March 24th, 2003, passed a By-law designating the above-noted property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 2003-87 are enclosed for your records.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5601, extension 1710, if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski

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L.c. A. Poulin, City Solicitor K. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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BY-LAW NO. 2003-87

A By-law to designate the property at 18 Merritt 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. 18 Merritt 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 general circulation in the municipality;

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:

The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as No. 18 Merritt Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

Seel of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 2003-87 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 25 day of MARCH 2003

Clerk of the Corporation of the City of St. Cathorines

- 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	24 TH	day of	MARCH	2003.
Read a second time this	2474	day of	MARCH	2003.
Read a third time and pas	sed this	24TH day of	MARCH	2003.

CLEDK

MAYOR

# SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2003-87

Part of Lot 657, Corporation Plan 6 (formerly in the Town of Merritton, County of Lincoln) now City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, more particularly described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 30R-8824, City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, filed in the Registry Division of Niagara North on the 15th day of May, 1997.

The following is a short statement of the reason for the proposed designation:

### LOCATION AND OWNERSHIP

The

legal description of the property is Part Lot 657 Corporation Plan 6.

#### **HISTORY**

John Charles McNamara, a contractor and associate in the paving and general contracting firm Nicholson and McNamara, was the first owner of the house. McNamara bought the land from Robert Brown in 1865 and constructed the house in 1880. It is said that McNamara built the house and the house next door for his two daughters. The property was sold to John Conlon in 1895. Conlon is shown in City directories as both a bridge tender and locktender. Since this time the property has had many different owners including the District School Board of Niagara prior to the current owners. The house was severed from the School Board's property to the east in the late 1990s

#### **ARCHITECTURE**

The structure is a two storey, rectangular building made out of brick, but originally could have been clapboard siding. The gable roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice with brackets and frieze. The door is located off-centre in the gabled end. It has engaged columns and an entablature. It also has flush side panels and a transom with mullions. The door itself is a single raised panel with moulded rail. The owners have advised that possible future alterations could involve removal of "insulbrick" and a sun porch addition to the side of the house.

## **CONTEXT**

The house is located in the Merritt Neighbourhood in the City's East District. The property is near the municipal boundary separating St. Catharines and Thorold. The property has been used for residential purposes since its construction in 1880. The east side of Merritt Street, where the subject house is located, is made up of mainly residential uses. The dwelling is considered to be a focal point in the local streetscape along this part of Merritt Street.