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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

By-law Number 5255-76

A by-law to designate the Oxford County Court House building at 415 Hunter Street of architectural value.

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

WHEREAS, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Oxford County Court House at 415 Hunter Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused 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 in Schedule "B" hereto; and

WHEREAS, no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the Oxford County Court House building at 415 Hunter Street.
2. That a copy of this by-law shall be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid 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 Woodstock.

READ a first and second time this 19th day of August, 1976.

READ a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of September, 1976.

Mayor

D/Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land situate, lying and being in the City of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario containing by admeasurement five and one tenth acres be the same more or less, being composed of lots numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the West side of Graham Street, Plan 10 in the said City of Woodstock, containing fifty-one one-hundredths of an acre each.

SCHEDULE "B"

The first Court House on this site in 1839 served the District of Brock and later, the County. It was demolished in 1890 when construction of the present Court House was commenced but the building was not completed for three years. County Council held their first meeting in the new Court House on December 6, 1892. Disagreements with architects, building plans and financial problems delayed construction. It was not until the County of Oxford Debenture Act of 1894 was passed that the means of financing became valid. Perhaps, there may have been good reason for having monkeys carved on the face of the Court House. It is an outstanding example of the late Victorian style of architecture, one of the finest in the Province.