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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

By-law Number (1990) - 13471

A by-law to designate Gow's Bridge, on McCrae Boulevard, as an item of architectural and historical significance.

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereof, to be of historical or architectural value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as Gow's Bridge on McCrae Boulevard and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate a bridge on the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

**WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said property designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

**THEREFORE**, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. There is designated as being of historical and architectural value and interest Gow's Bridge on McCrae Boulevard, which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "C" to this By-law 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 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 Guelph.

PASSED on this 5th day of March 1990



*[Signature]*  
MAYOR

*[Signature]*  
CLERK

I hereby certify the above copy to be a true copy of  
By-law Number (1990)-13471  
of the City of Guelph.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF are hereunto set the seal of The Corporation of the City of Guelph and the hand of the City Clerk of the said Corporation this 14th day of May 1990

*[Signature]*  
City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"  
BY-LAW NUMBER (1990) - 13471

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

GOW'S BRIDGE

This stone arch bridge remains as the only surviving example of several stone bridges which once crossed Guelph's rivers. The bridge was built for the City Council in 1897 by Daniel Keleher, a local contractor. It replaced the original bridge constructed at this site in 1852 to provide an alternate means of access over the Speed River towards the Town of Dundas, thus circumventing the payment of tolls on the Guelph and Dundas Road. Both bridges were known locally as Gow's Bridge due to their location beside Gow's Mill, a woollen mill and tannery owned by the prominent Guelph businessman and politician Peter Gow. Gow, a former Guelph mayor also served in the Provincial Legislative Assembly, representing Wellington South from 1867 - 1876. Today this unique remnant of Guelph's stone heritage lends considerable charm and character to one of the City's public parks.

SCHEDULE "B"  
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ELEMENTS OF THE PROPERTY WHICH ARE DESIGNATED BY THE BY-LAW

The designation affects all elements of the south and middle spans of the bridge and the piers, all of which are of stone construction, as well as the concrete foundations, but does not include the more recent north span which is of steel beam construction.

SCHEDULE "C"  
BY -LAW NUMBER (1990) - 13471

Being Gow's Bridge and shown as "bridge", Registered Plan 554, and located in the City of Guelph, in the county of Wellington and the Province of Ontario, on McCrae Boulevard (formerly Wellington Street as dedicated by Registered Plan 8, Canada Company Survey) at the Speed River, being 90 metres north of Water Street and adjacent to the north-east limit of Parcel "A" according to Registered Plan 554.

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Read a first and second time at 10:15  
o'clock p.m., March 5th, 1990.

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Read and passed in Committee at 10:16  
o'clock p.m., March 5th, 1990.

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Read a third time and passed at 10:17  
o'clock p.m., March 5th, 1990.

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