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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

By-law Number (1997) - 15462

A by-law to designate portions of the building known as the Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station as a building 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. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, 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 the Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station notice of intention to designate portions of 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 "B" 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 architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, portions of the building on property known as the Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station to the extent more particularly described in Schedule "C" 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 "A" 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 owners 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 ninth day of June, 1997.

JOE YOUNG - MAYOR

V. CHARLENE LAVIGNE

DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

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Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station

City of Guelph, in the County of Wellington and Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement six and a half acres being composed of part of Lot number five (5) in the Broken Front of Division (formerly in the Township of Guelph) now in the City of Guelph which said parcel or tract of land and premises may be better known and described as follows:

COMMENCING on the South westerly limit of the said Lot number Five (5) at the distance of 525.36 feet on a course therefrom of South Forty-five degrees East:

THENCE North Forty-five degrees East parallel to the York Road 627 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE South Forty-five degrees East 622.05 feet more or less to the high water mark or margin of the Eramosa Branch of the River Speed.

THENCE Down stream along the margin of highwater mark of said River according to the several findings thereof to the Division line between Lots Four (4) and said Lot number Five (5).

THENCE North Forty-five degrees west 365.97 feet more or less to the place of beginning. Also a road or street 66 feet in width and extending from the York Road to the above described lands which said street may be described as follows:

COMMENCING on the South Easterly limit of the York Road at the distance of 123.75 feet from the Westerly angle of the said Lot number Five (5) on course therefrom of North, Forty-five degrees East;

THENCE South Forty-five degrees East 525.36 feet to a point;

THENCE North Forty-five degrees East 66 feet to a post;

THENCE North Forty-five degrees West 525.26 feet to a post;

THENCE South Forty-five degrees West 66 feet to the place of the beginning.

PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 3E-1259.

SCHEDULE "B"

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station

Until 1878, Guelph's needs for water were satisfied by private wells, cisterns and the Speed River. In 1878, Mayor George Howard established a committee to investigate the creation of a publicly-owned waterworks system, primarily to compensate for the inadequate water supply then available for fire protection. This committee proposed the adoption of the "Holly System" of waterworks which used a reservoir and standpipe to supply pressure for firefighting purposes. Guelph Council adopted this system in 1879. Construction of the system began that same year under the direction of City Engineer T. W. Cooper and was completed in early 1880. Originally only intended for fire protection, the excavation of the pumping station changed the purpose of the waterworks when a spring was struck yielding a large supply of uncontaminated water which the Waterworks Commission believed could be used for domestic purposes.

Completed in 1879, the Engine House, built of hammer dressed, randomly coursed limestone, was situated adjacent to the pumping station. Designed by City Engineer Cooper, the building features elements of the Italianate architectural style including raised architraves, paired brackets, round vents and both squared and curved-top structural openings. The original contract to provide all material, excavations and masonry work in connection with the construction of the Engine House was given to stone mason James Quinn, but because the initial masonry work on the Engine House was considered unsatisfactory, he was dismissed in favour of Matthew Bell, who was hired as stone cutter, and Taylor Bros., who completed the masonry work. Other contracts went to Dobbie and Grierson for brick work and Walter Cowan for painting, glazing and tin work. In 1908, an additional wing of limestone construction was completed by Taylor Bros. to accommodate a larger pump to meet the increasing growth of the City.

The designation covers all exterior walls of limestone construction, all original structural openings and their associated stone surrounds, the paired roof brackets and the roof line.

SCHEDULE "C"

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ELEMENTS OF PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED

Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station

The designation includes:

- 1. All of the exterior stone walls of the building;
- 2. All original structural openings on the designated walls of the building and their associated stone surrounds;
- 3. The roofline over the designated portion of the building, including the paired roof brackets;
- 4. The original stone inscription plaque on the building.

The designation does not include:

1. Any interior elements of the building.

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original form without requiring City Council permission for an alteration to the designation.