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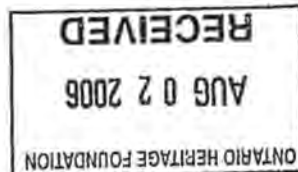
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July 27, 2006

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Designation Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*
Carnegie Building, 140 King Street**

In accordance with the requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law 2006-101 for your records.

By-law 2006-101 being a By-law to designate 140 King Street in the City of Welland, known as the Carnegie Building, of Historic or Architectural value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of July 18, 2006.

Yours very truly,


Christine Mintoff
Deputy Clerk

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Attachments

- c.c. - Ms. Marnie Swayze, Chair, Heritage Welland
- Ms. Nora Reid, Secretary, Heritage Welland
- D. Thorpe, G.M. of Planning and Development Svs, City of Welland
- D. Shantz, G.M. of Eng, Public Works, and Transp. Svs, City Engineer, City of Welland
- B. LaPlante, G. M. of Parks and Recreation, City of Welland
- P. Inman, Facilities Manager, City of Welland

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2006 - 101

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 140 KING STREET
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
CARNEGIE BUILDING, OF HISTORIC OR
ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, 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 City Clerk has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 140 King Street, in the City of Welland, known as the 'Carnegie Building', and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the said Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

**NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as the 'Carnegie Building' located at 140 King Street, in the City of Welland, shall be and the same is hereby designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered, against the property described in said Schedule "A" attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office, in accordance with section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
3. The Reasons for Designation are attached hereto as Schedule "B" and shall for all purposes from a part of this by-law.
4. The City Clerk shall 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 Welland, in accordance with section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

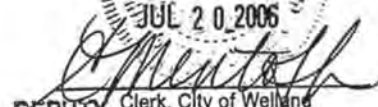
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS
18th DAY OF July, 2006.


DAMIAN GOULBOURNE,
MAYOR


CHRISTINE MINTOFF,
DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

JUL 20 2006


DEPUTY Clerk, City of Welland

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

Lot 8 (east side of Canal Street now King Street) Plan 555, except R0741633;
Part Block CC, Plan 564, as in CW4985 & AA50587, except R0741633;
in the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara;
PIN 64107-0163LT.

CARNEGIE BUILDING (FORMER WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY)
140 King Street, Welland, Ontario

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Formed at Brown's Bridge in November of 1824, the Welland Public Library is perhaps the oldest continuously operating institution in the city of Welland. Shareholder's names recorded in the earliest preserved minutes include many later memorialized in local street and place names such as Brown, O'Reilly, Page and Hellems. Among the first books purchased were four volumes of "Clarke's Travels". Shareholders paid to join the library and could borrow a book for four weeks (a week longer if they lived more than five miles away) and paid fines of a few pence for offences such as grease spots or torn leaves. For almost two centuries after its founding the library has continued to grow. It amalgamated with the Mechanic's Institute library in 1858 and was housed in numerous locations, including J. H. Bugar's "Medical Hall" drug store, Tuckey's Jewellers, the Rose Block on West Main and the McCaw Block on East Main. The first librarian was Miss Bertha Hooker, hired in 1867. The library received its first municipal grant for \$25, from the town of Welland in 1885.

About 1910 the town became interested in obtaining a Carnegie Library Grant. Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland on November 25, 1835, the son of William Carnegie, a weaver and his wife Margaret Morrison. In 1848 the family emigrated to the United States and settled at Pittsburgh. Here Carnegie rose from his first position as a bobbin boy in a cotton mill to become the owner of Carnegie Steel and one of the richest men in the world. Called "...the most cruel task master American industry has ever known..." he was nevertheless a pioneer of large scale philanthropy. By the time of his death in 1919 he had given away all but \$25 million of a fortune well in excess of \$250 million. Carnegie and later his charitable foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, went on to build 2811 free public libraries throughout the English speaking world, including six in the Niagara region.

Welland received the offer of a Carnegie grant in 1913 but was unable to pass the necessary bylaw authorizing taxes for library maintenance. Threatened with the loss of the grant, City Council finally passed the bylaw in February of 1922 and in June of that year approved the purchase of a lot on South Main (now King Street) for \$8000 from the James Nixon estate. After the Carnegie Library was completed in 1923, the Welland Public Library continued to expand its services, adding over the years a children's department, reference and audio visual departments and internet access. The Welland Public library occupied the Carnegie Building until moving to its present location at Welland's Civic Square in 2005.

Designed by well known local architect Norman Kearns, who was also responsible for the original Welland Market building, the Welland Public Library was constructed in the style of Beaux-Arts Classicism typical of most "Carnegie" libraries. A single story building with exposed basement, it is built of dark red Milton brick with ornamental details in contrasting buff Indiana limestone. These details include prominent corner quoins, window lintels and sills, a string course dividing the basement from the first floor and classical detailing on the prominent central "frontispiece" or vestibule. This vestibule has a door case (now converted to a window) surmounted by a semi circular tympanum window and flanked by two monumental stone pilasters whose capitals have volutes in Ionic style with egg and dart decoration. Above these is a wide stone entablature inscribed with the words "Public Library". Centrally located above the entablature is the City of Welland's crest, a lion rampant flanked by two ships. Inside, some of the original mahogany wood trim remains. Despite numerous alterations, including large additions in 1961 and 1974-5, the character of a "Carnegie Library" is still evident in exterior of the original building. In 1988 a large mural entitled "Canal Construction" was completed on the north side of the building by artist Bas De Groot.

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