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CITY OF WELLAND
ONTARIO
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
411 EAST MAIN ST.
L3B 3X4

June 8th, 1990.

Dear Sirs:

RE: Designation Under Part IV of
the Ontario Heritage Act
Lawrence/Singer House
204 East Main Street.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law No. 9424 for your records. By-law No. 9424, being a By-law to designate the above-referenced property as being of architectural and historical value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of June 5th, 1990. The reasons for the designation are attached to the By-law.

Yours very truly,

ERIC HODGINS,
Deputy City Clerk.

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Encl.



- The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
2nd Floor,
77 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario. M7A 2R9

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THE CORPORATION OF CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 9424

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 204 EAST MAIN STREET
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS
LAWRENCE/SINGER HOUSE (GINGERBREAD
HOUSE), OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL
VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980,
chapter 337, 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 Welland has caused to be served upon the owner of the
lands and premises municipally known as 204 East Main Street,
commonly known as Lawrence/Singer House (Gingerbread House),
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, once a week
for each of three consecutive weeks;

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 Lawrence/Singer House (Gingerbread House) in the City
of Welland, be designated as being of historic or
architectural value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to 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.
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

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notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having
general circulation in the City of Welland.

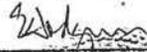
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY
COUNCIL THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 1990.

 MAYOR

 CLERK

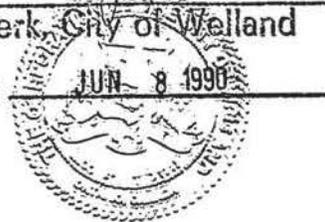
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Clerk, City of Welland

Date

JUN 8 1990



SCHEDULE "A"

TO

CITY OF WELLAND BY-LAW 9424

PASSED THE 5th DAY OF JUNE 1990.

 MAYOR

 CLERK

In the City of Welland in the Regional Municipality of Niagara and more particularly described as follows:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being composed of part of lot 3, Plan 1649, formerly in the Township of Crowland, now known as Plan 564, in the City of Welland and part of lot 3, on the Thomas Bugar Plan, now known as Plan 553 in the City of Welland.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
OF LAWRENCE/SINGER HOUSE (GINGERBREAD HOUSE)
204 EAST MAIN STREET, WELLAND
PURSUANT TO THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337
SECTION 29 (6)(A)(i)

The "Lawrence/Singer House" was built circa 1890 by Alfred E. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence arrived in Welland in 1899 to take possession of one of Welland's earliest establishments, a furniture and undertaking business founded by F.X. Sauter in 1857. Lawrence remained in business in downtown Welland for the next 17 years. As a furniture maker, Lawrence constructed his house in the latest architectural style, with an abundance of ornament and variety of woodworking techniques which would showcase his skill as a cabinet maker and which would also benefit his position within the community. In 1914, the house was sold to Mary L. Singer and remained in the Singer family until 1978.

The "Gingerbread House" is an excellent example of the eclectic and highly ornamented late Victorian style. Elements of Ontario "Cottage Gothic" can be seen in the irregular "L" shaped plan, steeply pitched gables and small front porch tucked into the curve of the "L". Bay windows on the south, east and west facades, an Italianate "Tuscan" tower set within the porch at the "L" and the abundance of "Gingerbread" on the porch and gables add to the variety and irregularity of the exterior in accordance with the Victorian "picturesque" ideal. The Italianate tower is topped with an Mansard roof, often called the "Second Empire".

The front bay window, with its stained glass, the front door, with its elaborate carved relief patterns and diaper work, stained glass and "quarter wheel" glazing, both show the influence of yet another late Victorian style, the Queen Anne Revival. The wheel motif of the front door is repeated in the "sawn" Gingerbread located in the Gable peaks, while a scalloped verge fascia of dripping loops and curving lines flows along the eaves.