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December 8, 2016

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1J3
Attn: Erin Semande
Acting Ontario Heritage Registrar

Dear Ms. Semande,

Please find enclosed a certified copy of By-law 168-16 to designate the Bawcutt Centre, formerly known as the Paris Old Town Hall, located at 13 Burwell Street in Paris, Ontario along with the newspaper ads to give notice of the designation. The County of Brant is the owner of the building and the By-law was passed on November 23, 2016.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Moore".

Carol Moore
Development Services Clerk
County of Brant

BY-LAW NUMBER 168-16

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To designate a property known municipally as 13 Burwell Street, Paris, County of Brant, Ontario, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

WHEREAS a request was received from the County of Brant Heritage Advisory Committee on behalf of the County of Brant, the owner of the land described as Lots 6 & 7, West of Burwell Street, Part 6 & 7, East of Dumfries Street, designated as Parts 1 & 2, 2R-2832, former Town of Paris, County of Brant to designate the site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act empowers a Council of a municipality to pass by-laws to designate properties of Historical or Architectural interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Notice of Intention to Designate the hall located at 13 Burwell St., Lots 6 & 7, West of Burwell Street, Part Lots 6 & 7, East of Dumfries, designated as Parts 1 & 2, 2R-2832, former Town of Paris, County of Brant, was served on the Owner of the property, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and was published in the Brantford Expositor as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;


AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are attached as Schedule A to the bylaw;

AND WHEREAS no objection to the notice for designation has been received by the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** the property described as Lots 6 & 7, West of Burwell St., Part Lots 6 & 7, East of Dumfries Street, designated as Parts 1 & 2, 2R-2832, former Town of Paris, County of Brant and municipally known as 13 Burwell Street, Paris, County of Brant, Ontario being all of PIN 32024-0405, be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of historical and architectural significance as described in Schedule A attached to this bylaw:

CERTIFIED TO BE
A TRUE COPY


Deputy Clerk
COUNTY OF BRANT

Date: 11/23/2016

2. **THAT** the Clerk shall register a copy of this bylaw, together with its Schedules against the title of the lands in the Land Registry Office for the County of Brant and shall serve a copy of the bylaw together with its schedules, to the owner of the land and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish a notice of the passing of this bylaw in the Brantford Expositor.

READ a first and second time, this 22nd day of November, 2016.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 22nd day of November, 2016.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT



R.E.F. Eddy, Mayor



Heather Boyd, Clerk

Schedule A

Reasons for Designation:

Historical

The Council of the Village of Paris formed a committee on February 7, 1853 to commission an architect to design a hall suitable for a number of uses for the growing village. The hall, designed by John Maxwell, was completed in 1854 at a cost of \$12,000.00 served the Village as the Town Hall, Council Chamber, Office of the Magistrate, prisoners' jail cell and indoor farmers market.

In 1900 after the great fire and the regrowth in what is now Paris' downtown core, it was decided to move the town's Municipal Offices to gain a more central location. The Bawcutt Centre served many more uses after the Municipal Offices and Council meetings were moved to the lower town such as a residence, an Opera House, served a role during the First World War, a home for Mary Maxim and most recently an auction house.

Architectural

The hall has been described by Professor Malcolm Thurlby, an expert in Medieval Art and Architecture of the York University, "as a building of international significance in the story of civic Gothic architecture." Normally Gothic design was reserved for the construction of churches making the design ahead of its time. It predates the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, which also used the Gothic design, by 5 years.

Included in the designation:

Exterior existing features

- Conservation of as much of the original exterior brick structures as possible
- The brick section of the bell tower
- Exterior elements over the doors including the skylight and transom over the west facing door and brick tracery above
- Conservation of the windows or reproduction with 12 over 12, or 9 over 12 panes and brick tracery above the windows
- Angle buttresses with finials
- Octagonal brick buttresses
- Stencil writing on the brick exterior

Interior existing features

- Integrity of the upper hall including the exposed beams and cross bracings. If the beams are unsalvageable then replicate beams must be used
- Wide plank wooden flooring
- Gothic style lancet entry ways and windows
- Interior brick and wooden beams on the main floor
- Stone walls and features such as lantern alcove and at least 1 of the 2 jail cells in the basement

Excluded from designation

- The two later additions on the east side of the building;
- The upper wooden section of the bell tower; and
- The two, south facing, board and batten additions.