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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2007-122**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST (CORBY PARK OR CORBY ROSE GARDEN, ANN STREET)**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 as amended provides that where the council of a municipality has given notice of its intention to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest and where objections to said notice of designation are duly received and duly processed through the Conservation Review Board, the council shall pass a by-law designating the property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS all statutory requirements for giving notice of council's intention to pass a by-law designating the property herein described to be of historic or architectural value have been complied with;

AND WHEREAS no objections to said notice of designation were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the property known as Corby Park or Corby Rose Garden fronting on the west side of Ann Street, and east side of William Street, which parcel of land is more particularly described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto, be and the same is designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, for the reasons stated in SCHEDULE "B" attached hereto as provided for in the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 as amended.
2. THAT nothing in this By-law shall be construed to designate any of the lands described in Schedule "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural interest, as provided in the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 as amended.

THIS BY-LAW SHALL COME INTO FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON AND AFTER THE PASSING THEREOF.

Read a first time this 16th day of July 2007.

Read a second time this 16th day of July 2007.

Read a third time and finally passed this 16th day of July 2007.

22 May 2009

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NEIL R. ELLIS

MAYOR

JULIE C. ORAM

CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2007-122

CORBY PARK OR CORBY ROSE GARDEN

LT 14 W/S ANN ST, 15 W/S ANN ST, 14 E/S WILLIAM ST, 15 E/S WILLIAM ST, PL 1
THURLOW, BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF HASTINGS
BEING ALL OF THE PIN 40501-0026 (LT)

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2007-122**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND REASON
FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION****1. Description of Property**

The Corby Park is situated near the centre of the 'Old East Hill'. It is a one-acre heritage landscape that fronts on both William and Ann Streets, just a short distance north of Bridge Street, and south of Queen Street. The garden contains several original trees, and newer features such as fencing, park furniture, brick pathways, a fountain, and a wide variety of rose bushes and other plants.

2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Corby Park has significant historical value in its association with the Corby family. The land was donated to the City in April of 1905 by Senator and Mrs. Henry (Harry) Corby for the sole use of its citizens as a public park, which opened in July of that year. The Corby family has played a significant role in the City's development through the Corby Distillery, their involvement in politics at various levels of government, and various other contributions such as the City's first library.

The property also has significant contextual value. For over a hundred years, it has been a place where people have been able to enjoy quiet reflection in a picturesque recreation area. On the occasion of Canada's Centennial in 1967, the garden was transformed from one containing trees, shrubbery, and an ornamental fountain into a unique rose garden containing over 2000 rose bushes of 65 varieties. The garden is unique in the province because of the wide variety of rose bushes, as well as other perennial and annual flowering plants. It contains two Northern Catalpa trees that are approximately 130 years old, some of the oldest of their kind in Ontario. Because of its central position, the garden is strongly linked to its surroundings, and has become the heart of the 'Old East Hill' historic district.

3. Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the garden that express its historical association with the Corby family include:

- the plaque marking the park's donation by the family near the fountain, a replacement of an earlier plaque; and
- the stone signs marking the southwest and northeast entrances to the park with the Corby name, installed for Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Key attributes of the garden that express its contextual value as a cultural landscape and an anchor for the Old East Hill include:

- its location, orientation, and dimensions;
- its park-like setting, including its mature trees;
- its lighted curvilinear pathways, passing near a central fountain;
- a central fountain;
- its regularly spaced benches, allowing visitors to take in the scene; and
- its wide assortment of rose bushes, perennials, and annuals.