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**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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**Notice of Intention to Amend
Heritage Designations Bylaws**

Bylaw 2381- McMillian Building

Bylaw 2439- Matheson House

Bylaw 2458 Sheriff House

Bylaw 2529- Rockcliff Cottage

Bylaw 2522 Farmers Block

Bylaw 2586- Town Hall

Bylaw 2785 St. James Church

Bylaw 2978 St. Andrew's Church

Bylaw 2980 Codes Mill

**Pursuant To the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act
R.S.O. 1990 Section 29, Section 30.1(2) to (10)**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth intends to amend Bylaw Numbers
2381, 2439, 2458, 2529, 2522, 2586, 2785, 2978, and 2980

The intent of the amendments to the bylaws is to clarify the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the description of heritage attributes, and legal descriptions of properties.

Further information is available upon request from the Heritage Manager, Karen Rennie at 613-267-1947.

Any notice of objection, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Perth, Ontario this 8th day of January, 2010
Lauren Walton, Clerk, Town of Perth
613-267-3311 ext. 2239

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 2439-1

**A by-law to amend the Municipal Heritage Designation
of Matheson House By-law No. 2439**

WHEREAS, Section 29 in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to bring the designation into compliance with the current standards for designation of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole has reviewed CoW Report 2010-4.UB.3 and concurs with staff and LACAC recommendations;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #09-185 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;

AND WHEREAS on January 8th 2010, notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of Matheson House was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;

AND WHEREAS the public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within 30 days of the notice, to the Clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of February 8th, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Perth is desirous of enacting such an amendment to the by-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of Matheson House.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Perth hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 2439, be amended to remove in its entirety Section 1 and 2 and be replaced as follows:

The following property is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest:

PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Building/Property Name: Matheson House (home of the Perth Museum)

Address: 11 Gore Street East

Original Owner: The Honourable Roderick Matheson

Present Owner: The Corporation of the Town of Perth

Date Built: 1840

Architect/Contractor: Unknown

Original Use: Private Residence

Present Use: Museum:

Designation: National Historic Site:
Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada - May 1966
Perth By-Law 2439 - April 13, 1982

Registration: # 84777

Description of Property:

One of the most substantial houses of early Perth, Matheson House is a two-storey residence in local sandstone on the east side of Gore Street near its main intersection with Foster Street in the centre of downtown Perth. An offset rear wing contains the original kitchen on the main floor and an impressive drawing room on the upper floor. The property is bounded on the west and south sides by a stonewall with two gated openings. The section of wall directly in front of the main façade is topped with a wrought iron fence. A modern, rectangular one-storey extension has been added to the rear of the building.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Built in 1840, just 24 years after the Perth Military Settlement was begun, Matheson House was designated by the Federal government as a National Historic Site in 1966 for three major reasons: as an outstanding example of an early Scottish-Canadian, classically inspired design; as a key element of one of the best surviving streetscapes in Canada reminiscent of this 19th century period; and, because of its connections with the prominent Matheson family. The main Gore Street façade is largely as it was constructed of coursed stone framed by finished stone quoins flush with the wall surfaces. A two-storey, imposing residence with five bays, the centre three bays project slightly and are capped by a large gable with central, circular fan. A semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights with fine wood tracery frame the inset main entrance. The north and south façades are gabled and composed of coarse rubble stone. The whole building is set back modestly from the street and its importance is emphasized by the stone and wrought iron fence framing the property on two sides.

The most important historical connection of this building relates to two generations of the Matheson's. Roderick Matheson immigrated to Canada in 1805 and initially followed a military career, seeing action with the Glengarry Light Infantry Fencibles in the War of 1812. Settling in Perth in 1817 with a major land grant, he then began a successful business career establishing both his store and home at the centre of the community. His continuing military service culminated with his appointment as the Colonel in charge of the First Military District, Canada West, in 1855. Active in federal politics as well, at Confederation he was appointed to the first Senate by Sir John A. Macdonald. Matheson's fifth son, Lt. Col. The Honourable Arthur J. Matheson, followed in his father's footsteps in business, in law, militia and politics. Serving as the Mayor of Perth in 1883/4, he then entered the provincial arena and rose to importance as the Treasurer of Ontario from 1905 until his untimely death in 1913. Throughout, he managed the family's commercial interests and resided in the home for his entire life.

From 1930 until 1947, the building was a hotel and tea room. It then became the Perth Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion until, in 1966, it was purchased by the Town and converted to house the Archibald M. Campbell Memorial Museum (Perth Museum). In the same year, the house was designated as a National Historic Site and a commemorative plaque to this effect is located adjacent to the main entry.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The significant attributes of this property can be summarized as follows:

- The entire front façade including all elements of massing, materials and design.
- The boundary stonewalls and wrought iron fencing, which define the frontispiece and side gardens.
- The wood, multi-paned double-hung windows on both the Gore Street and two sidewalls.
- The gable ended roof, shingled finish and large stone chimneys centered on the two side elevations.

Legal Description:

- 11 Gore Street East. Part of Lot 3, N. side of Herriott Street and part of Lot 3, S. side of Foster Street. Plan 8828 described in Schedule "A".

References:

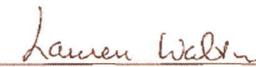
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Revised: December, 2008, by Sam Kingdon
further revised by LACAC June 2009

Read a first time, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of March, 2010.



John Gemmell, Acting Mayor



Lauren Walton, Clerk

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