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To Whom It May Concern

Designation of a Municipal Property Re: Town of Prescott

Pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed is a certified cipy of ByLaw NO. 38-89 of the Town of Presoctt.

This ByLaw designates the property located at 569 Centre Street, Prescott.

Yours very Jorm

A. Hoogenboom, C.M.O. Clerk Administrator.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

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BYLAW NO. 38-89

BEING A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 569 CENTRE STREET AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact ByLaws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as:

569 CENTRE STREET, PRESCOTT, ONTARIO

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 for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott enacts as follows:

- There is designated as being of Alchitectural and Historical value or interest the Real Property known as 569 Centre Street, Prescott, more particularly described as Part Lots 15 and 16, west side of Centre Street, Block 2, Plan 19, Town of Prescott, County of Grenville.
- 2) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this ByLaw together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Schedule "A" to be registered against the property described above in the Local Land Registry Office.
- 3) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this ByLaw to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this ByLaw to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Prescott.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 5th DAY OF September 1989.

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CLERK

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Clerk Town of Prescot	

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SCHEDULE "A" OF BYLAW NO. 38-89

DESIGNATION REPORT OF PRESCOTT LACAC

BUILDING: Description of the street building bui

A. REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that this building, owned by the DeVries family, be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (1974) for the following historical and architectural reasons:

Dating back to the late 1830's, this is a classic example of the Vernacular style.

B. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Robert Headlam acquired the land in 1838 from Susannah Jessup.¹ It would seem that he built the house between 1838 and 1853 (probably 1840) because when he sold the property in 1853 its value had increased tenfold: from 140 to 1400.² Headlam was a prominent_citizen, holding the offices of Prescott's Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector.³ Records show that he entered a claim for compensation to the Claims Court following the Rebellion of 1837.⁴ He owned the forerunner of the Prescott Journal, <u>The Vanguard</u>, for 2 years, until it ceased to be printed. ⁵

Patrick Carberry, a notary, purchased the property in 1853.⁶ He is listed as its owner on the map of Prescott in the Historical Atlas of Leeds and Grenville, 1861-62, page 54.

In 1917 Edwin Cook bought the property and it stayed in the Cook family's hands for the next 40 years. Mr. Cook retired in 1945, after being Collector of Customs at the Port of Prescott.

C. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This 1½ story cottage has a balanced front of 3 bays: 2 windows and a central door. Underneath the former pink siding the house was found to be stucco over rubblestone. The roof is medium-pitched with end gables. At the centre front there is a gable dormer, with a half-round window, which was discovered when the siding was removed. This window adds greatly to the charm of the house. The front door surround is composed of an overhead arch, and the transom within the arch is elliptical in shape. Interestingly, the house is also strongly influenced by the American and New England architecture of the time.

The house is much larger than it appears, having 4 rooms and a large bathroom upstairs. Downstairs there is a double living room containing two fireplaces, a central hall, a dining room with a fireplace and a kitchen where a fireplace and bee-hive bakeoven were recently uncovered. The two end Chimneys serve two fireplaces each. Besides designating the exterior of the house, which includes the two chimneys, we ask that the four interior fireplaces and bakeover be included in the designation.

The porch was added around 1915. Its style suggests the Arts and Crafts Movement of 1895-1920, because of its open simple lines. The present owners are restoring their home with care, keeping many of its fine old features. 1 & 2 Grenville County Registry Office 3 History of Leeds & Grenville. Leavitt, 1879, p. 168 4 Rebellion Losses, U.C., Claims Report, March 19th, 1849. 5 Prescott, 1867-1967. J.A. Morris, 1967, p. 163-164. 6. Grenville County Registry Office.