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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD
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May 3, 1982

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Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor
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Attention: Mrs. Kathy McLaughlin

Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Please be advised that Bylaw No. 67-82 (certified copy enclosed) of the City of Brantford, being a bylaw to designate the two upper-storey facades of the building at 76 Colborne Street, Brantford, Ontario, has now been registered as Instrument Number A-260097 on April 20, 1982, at the Land Registry Division of Brant (No. 2) as required under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337.

Yours truly,

W. Coulson
City Clerk

Attach.

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THE TELEPHONE CITY

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A bylaw to designate the facade of the two upper storeys of the Masonic Hall/Lawyers Hall located at 76 Colborne Street, as having architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws 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 Brantford has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Masonic Hall/Lawyers Hall, 76 Colborne Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the facade of the two upper storeys with the proviso that the owner may cover, but not obliterate or alter, the name "Masonic Hall", and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the facade of the two upper storeys, with the proviso that the owner may cover, but not obliterate or alter, the words "Masonic Hall", in a sympathetic manner, on the property now known as The Cornerstone Church located at 76 Colborne Street
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office;
3. The City 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 the passing of this bylaw to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brantford once for each three consecutive weeks.
4. The City shall enter into an agreement with the Owner for the installation and maintenance of a plaque distinguishing the property as a designated structure.

FIRST READING: **APR 05 1982**


SECOND READING: **APR 05 1982**

PASSED: **APR 05 1982**

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 67-82, passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford at its meeting held on

April 5, 1982

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CITY CLERK


MAYOR


CLERK

All and Singular that certain parcel of land and premises situate lying and being in the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lot No. 8, North Colborne Street and part of Lot No. 7, South Dalhousie Street in the City of Brantford, and which, premising the bearing of Queen Street to be North five degrees and thirty minutes West may be more particularly described as follows:- COMMENCING at a point in the northern boundary of Colborne Street distant one hundred and eighty and sixty one-hundredths feet (180.60) measured westerly thereon from its intersection with the western boundary of Queen Street;

THENCE North five degrees and twenty-eight minutes West one hundred and thirty-three and forty-seven one-hundredths feet (133.47);

THENCE South eighty-four degrees and one minute West thirty feet (30);

THENCE South five degrees and twenty-eight minutes East one hundred and thirty-three and six one-hundredths feet (133.06) to a point in the northern boundary of Colborne Street;

THENCE North eighty-four degrees and forty-eight minutes East along the northern boundary of Colborne Street, thirty feet (30) to the place of beginning.

TOGETHER with all rights of user of and property in said lane in the rear of said lots and extending through from Queen Street to King Street as at present enjoyed and as appurtenant to said Lot Eight.

Reasons for Designation of the Facade of the Two
Upper Storeys of 76 Colborne Street

The land upon which the Masonic Hall/Lawyer's Hall stands was given by the Crown to William Muirhead on October 15, 1830. He remained the owner of the property until 1869 when he sold it to Mr. B. G. Tisdale. The building built in 1869, was originally used for a Masons Hall; Sons of Temperance Hall; George Watt, merchant; Thomas Webster, Agent; and Valentine McKenzie and Franklin Griffin, barristers.

In 1870, both the Sons of Temperance Hall and the Hall of the Doric Lodge of the Masons were burned and both organizations moved into Tisdale's Masonic Hall/Lawyer's Hall. The Masons in the Brantford area have a long and noble history. The first Mason in the area of which there is record was Joseph Brant. The Masonic Hall/Lawyer's Hall stands as a reminder of the notable organizations which have occupied it, as well as the man who built it and who was noted for his efforts in the manufacturing field and whose residence at 20-22 Nelson Street has been designated.

The building has a frontage of 30' and set back approximately ten feet from the road's edge. The brickwork shows excellent use of decorative brickwork and cut stone is used in the window surrounds, sills and for the date stone. The facade of the upper two storeys is symmetrical with four identical vertical parts.

The second storey windows are one over one, double hung, wood sash with glazing. The upper pane is semi-circularly arched, as is the opening. Recessed voussoirs employ decorative brickwork. The raised patterned keystones are of cut stone.

Four raised courses of brick between the 2nd and 3rd storeys contain the name "Lawyer's Hall".

The third storey openings are segmentally arched with voussoirs containing recessed decorative brickwork, cut stone and raised patterned keystones. The sashes are two over two, double hung, and wooden with glazing.

The third floor cornice consists of closely grouped brackets made of shaped brick. Two raised courses of stretcher brick above complete the cornice. The gable decoration is similar, but on a smaller scale, completed by a moulded hood fascia board. The facade gable-pediment contains date stone ("1869") and "Masonic Hall".