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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

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November 10, 1986

Mr. G. H. U. Bayly, Chairman  
Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Bayly:

RE: HERITAGE DESIGNATION OF VICTORIA PARK, BRANTFORD

Enclosed is your certified copy of City of Brantford Bylaw 164-86. This bylaw designates Victoria Park, Brantford under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337. The bylaw has now been registered as Instrument #A317697 at the Land Registry Division of Brant (No. 2).

Yours truly,

  
W. A. COULSON  
CITY CLERK

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THE TELEPHONE CITY

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 164-86 passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford at its meeting held on

September 22, 1986

  
CITY CLERK

BYLAW NUMBER 164-86

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A Bylaw to designate the property municipally known as Victoria Park as having architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of the Municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historical 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 Victoria Park, Brantford, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property 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 the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

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

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford under the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 hereby enacts as follows:

1. The property known municipally as Victoria Park is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest for the reasons stated in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw;
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw in the proper land registry office;
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the 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 the bylaw to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brantford once for each of three consecutive weeks.

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READ A SECOND TIME SEP 22 1986

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MAYOR

  
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SCHEDULE 'A' TO

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E. Wimmer  
MAYOR

G. Gaudet  
CLERK

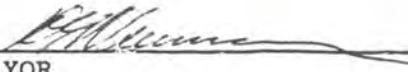
ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, in the Province of Ontario being composed of Victoria Square and which may be more particularly described as being bounded on the north side by the south limit of Wellington Street, on the south by the north limit of Darling Street, on the west by the east limit of Market Street and on the east by the west limit of George Street.

SCHEDULE 'B' TO

BYLAW NUMBER 164-86

SEP 22 1986

PASSED

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

SHORT STATEMENT FOR THE REASONS  
FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

Victoria Park is a unique physical space in the City of Brantford, first laid out in Lewis Burwell's original Town Plan of 1830 and continuing in existence today. The Square was first graded and landscaped as a formal park in 1861 on plans prepared by John Turner, Architect (who also designed many significant Brantford buildings) and was officially dedicated as Victoria Square at that time. Turner's plan, in keeping with then Upper Canada's link to Britain, was based on the configuration of the Union Jack flag and this layout is perpetuated today.

In 1886 the bronze and granite Joseph Brant Memorial was unveiled in the centre of the Park. Considered to be one of the first pieces of statuary of its kind in North America, the Memorial to Joseph Brant and the Six Nations Confederacy was sculpted by the renowned Percy Wood after winning an international competition. The statue is now the central focus of the park.

In 1892 J. K. Osborne, one time Vice-President of A. Harris, Son and Co. and Massey-Harris Co. Ltd., forerunners to Massey Ferguson Ltd. donated the granite drinking fountain, which is located in the park on the Market Street boundary directly west of the Joseph Brant Memorial, as a gift to the City. The fountain, although currently inoperable, represents a tangible historical link between the City and its past and present corporate citizenry.

Due to its historical context, its classic form and the significance of the structures contained therein, Victoria Park is an exceptional portion of the City's heritage.