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CITY of STRATFORD

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CULTURAL PROGRAMS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

And in the matter of the lands and premises
at the following municipal address in the
City of Stratford, in the Province of Ontario

NOTICE OF PASSING A DESIGNATING BY-LAW NO. 4-99

TO:

96-100 Downie Street
STRATFORD ON N5A 1W5

AND TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation
Heritage & Libraries Branch
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford, at a meeting held on January 11, 1999 has designated the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

96-100 Downie Street – Reasons for Designation

The Victoria Hotel was built in 1867 for the Honourable Donald McDonald, Liberal Senator for Perth County. The Senator sold off a block of surrounding lots to the City where the existing City Hall is located. This landmark building remained the Victoria Hotel until 1913. In 1880, one of its most famous hotel-keepers was John O'Donoghue. He was Mayor of Stratford 1897-1898, and was responsible for the laying of the original cornerstone at City Hall. According to the Beacon Herald, he was considered one of Stratford's best mayors. This building is of Georgian style, characterized by its symmetry, order and formality. Its Gothic gable and Italianate brackets are features of other styles that were gaining popularity at that time. The façade is uncluttered. The structure is well proportioned and symmetrical. All parts are equally balanced from the central entranceway, now missing, to the doors and windows. The entrance portico, balcony and large chimneys have all been removed. A trefoil is located under the gable. The property's corner setting at Downie and George Street is important to the streetscape and the downtown core. Reasons for designation include – one of the earliest downtown brick buildings in Stratford; this is a landmark building in the core area, important to the streetscape; there are few Georgian style buildings in Stratford, especially in the downtown area.

Should you require additional information on this by-law, please contact the undersigned.

Dated at the City of Stratford
this 8th day of July, 1999


Joan L. Thomson – Acting City Clerk



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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: 96-100 Downie Street, Stratford

Enclosed is a copy of City of Stratford By-No. 4-99 designating the real property known municipally as 96-100 Downie Street, Stratford, as being of architectural and historical value or interest. The by-law was registered on July 22, 1999 as instrument no. LT-004330.

Yours truly,

Joan L. Thomson
Acting City Clerk

/cw
Enc.

cc: LACAC

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**BY-LAW NUMBER 4-99
OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

BEING a by-law to designate the real property known municipally as 96-100 Downie Street, Stratford as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has consulted with its Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has caused to be served upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owners of the property known as 248 Ontario Street, Stratford, notice of its intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused general circulation in the City of Stratford by publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no written notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within the prescribed time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the real property known as 96-100 Downie Street, in the City of Stratford is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest for the reasons described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered in the proper land registry office against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owner of the property and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Stratford Beacon Herald being a paper having a general circulation in the municipality.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 11th day of January, 1999.



**THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 4-99
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
passed this 11th day of January, 1999.**

Reasons for the heritage designation of 96-100 Downie, Stratford, Ontario:

The Victoria Hotel was built in 1867 for the Honourable Donald McDonald, Liberal Senator for Perth County. The Senator sold off a block of surrounding lots to the City where the existing City Hall is located. This landmark building remained the Victoria Hotel until 1913.

In 1880, one of its most famous hotel-keepers was John O'Donoghue. He was Mayor of Stratford 1897-1989 and was responsible for the laying of the original cornerstone at City Hall. According to the Beacon Herald, he was considered one of Stratford's best mayors.

This building is of Georgian style, characterized by its symmetry, order and formality. Its Gothic gable and Italianate brackets are features of other styles that were gaining popularity at that time. The façade is uncluttered. The structure is well proportioned and symmetrical. All parts are equally balanced from the central entranceway, now missing, to the doors and windows. The entrance portico, balcony and large chimneys have all been removed. A trefoil is located under the gable. The property's corner setting at Downie and George Street is important to the streetscape and the downtown core.

Reasons for designation include – one of the earliest downtown brick buildings in Stratford; this is a landmark building in the core area, important to the streetscape; there are few Georgian style buildings in Stratford, especially in the downtown area.

THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 4-99
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
passed this 11th day of January, 1999.

96-100 Downie Street, Stratford

Part Lot 255, Plan 20, City of Stratford, County of Perth, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-1078