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OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

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Being a By-Law to designate the property known municipally as 196 Widder Street East as being of architectural value or interest.

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 196 Widder Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same 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 St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known municipally as 196 Widder Street East more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2) The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY 1993.

MAYOR

CLERK

"Schedule A"

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

196 Widder Street East - James Craig House

This frame house was built in 1873 by James Craig and James Hamilton, two Scots prominent as builders in St. Marys at that time. Until 1880 it was the home of James Craig and his family.

The 1863 Perth Country directory lists James Craig as a carpenter, the 1867 directory lists both Craig and James Hamilton as carpenters, and by 1869 they were partners and proprietors of the Craig and Hamilton planing mill. This mill, located in what is now (1992) the Creamery Restaurant, produced sashes and doors as well; its owners by this time advertised themselves as builders and contractors.

This firm of Craig and Hamilton was awarded the contract for carpentry for at least three of St. Marys' most distinguished buildings: the St. Marys High School in 1875, the first Knox Presbyterian Church and the Oddfellows Opera House, both in 1879.

The house of James Craig, consequently, is of unusual interest among the buildings in St. Marys: we not only know its builders but we also know the exact source for the windows, doors and all woodwork such as door and window surrounds, etc which date from the time of its construction.

The original house consisted of the front section and a one-storey kitchen wing. This building is clearly visible in the August 1884 stereographic view of the North Ward taken by the Ingersoll photographer William Hugill.

From 1875 until 1917, this house was the home of another carpenter, Michael Tevlin. The second storey of the wing as well as the verandah were probably added by Tevlin around the turn-of- the-century.

Fortunately this house has not had its clapboarding covered with aluminum siding. This designation includes, in particular, the unusual, gently-looping bargeboard, the verandah with its fret-work, the double-hung sash windows with their six-over-six lights. Interior features included are the door and window surrounds, the skirting board in the front section, and the wainscotting in the kitchen.

One of the oldest remaining frame houses in St. Marys, this structure happily retains many of its original marks. Build into the North Ward Hill it stands in quiet contrast to its somewhat grander neighbours. A focal point, it is a rest for the eye on a street which combines as much interest architecturally as that of any Ontario town.

Town of St. Marys, County of Perth being composed of Part of Lot 13, South Side of Widder Street, Plan 225 described as follows:
Being composed of the Northerly 106 feet in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 13 on the South side of Widder Street, Plan 225, TOGETHER WITH a right-of-way over a part of said Lot 13 described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the Easterly limit of said Lot 13 distant Southerly 106 feet from the North Easterly angle of said Lot 13;
THENCE Southerly along the said Easterly limit of said Lot 13 to the Southerly limit of said Lot 13;

THENCE Westerly along said Southerly limit 20 feet;

THENCE at right angles to a point distant 106 feet from the Northerly limit of said Lot 13;

THENCE Easterly at right angles to the place of commencement;

AND TOGETHER WITH a right of way over the Southerly 11 feet in perpendicular width throughout of Lot 14 South side of Widder Street, Plan 225.