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CITY OF WELLAND
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April 15, 1997

Dear Sirs:

RE: Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act,
The Bridgentender's House, Welland, Ontario

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law Number 10973 for your records. By-law 10973, being a By-law to designate the above-referenced property as being of architectural and historical value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of April 8th, 1997.

Yours very truly,

DV:cv

Donna Vettori,
Assistant Clerk

Encls.

c.c. - Mr. J. Mocsan, Chairman, L.A.C.A.C.
- Mrs. R. Mantesso, L.A.C.A.C. Co-ordinator

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 10973

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 44 MERRITT STREET
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
BRIDGETENDER'S HOUSE, OF HISTORIC OR
ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS 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 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 Welland has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 44 Merritt Street, commonly known as The Bridgetender's House, 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 a week for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, known as The Bridgetender's House at 44 Merritt Street in the City of Welland, be designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in said Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Welland.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY
COUNCIL THIS **8TH** DAY OF **April**, 1997.

MAYOR

CLERK

Date
Clerk City of Welland
100-15-771
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SCHEDULE "B"

44 Merritt Street

THE BRIDGETENDER'S HOUSE

Reasons for Designation

This house was built circa 1855-56 by William Page on a lot that was originally part of the pioneer Shotwell farm. The Shotwells were Welsh Americans who settled along the Welland River about 1800. William Page was a member of a United Empire Loyalist family from Vermont who settled in the Quaker Road area, also during the early 19th century. Page was a bookkeeper and later a nurseryman who served Welland as a Councillor in 1877 and 1878. In November 1856 Page sold the house to Rebecca F. Winters. During her ownership it was rented to (among others) Benjamin Diffin, a member of a United Empire Loyalist family and cooper by trade who operated a tavern at the north-east corner of West Main and Fraser Streets and served as a Welland Village Councillor in 1869. The property passed back into the Shotwell family when Elijah Shotwell purchased it from the Winters' estate in 1875. Mr. Shotwell's second wife, Eunice continued to live there after his death in 1899. In 1905 she married Thomas Lord Box. Mr. Box was born in Bedford, England and came to Canada in 1842. During the 1860's he served as Welland's Bridgetender, and later worked as a pattern maker for M. Beatty and Sons. In 1915 the house passed into the hands of Addie Hill. Later owners were Oliver and Florence Gordon and Gerald E. Nash, owner of a Ford dealership on East Main and later Niagara Streets. Among the tenants of the house during the 1930's and 40's was Howard A. Snelling, a well respected educator who was principal of Welland High School for 21 years.

This small, one and one half storey house built of Hooker brick was one of the earliest brick houses built in Welland. It exhibits an eclectic mixture of mid nineteenth century detail including a Greek Revival type gable front arrangement, Neoclassical style front entrance, Neoclassical or Adam style windows of six over six panes and two sets of Regency style French doors of sixteen panes each on the south and east sides, all of which have much of their original glass and hardware. The interior of the main section of the house retains much of its original mid-nineteenth century wood trim, doors and hardware on both floors, including Classical Revival style "eared jambs" typical of the 1850's in the first floor front hall and living room.
