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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY

BY-LAW NUMBER 116-2012

A By-law to amend By-law 258-1979, being a By-law to designate certain property known as the "C.N. Station" pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act* ,, and By-law 318-1981, being a By-law to amend By-law 258-1979 of The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay.

Recitals

1. Pursuant to By-law 258-1979, as amended by By-law 318-1981, the Council for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay designated property and structures known as the CN Station, located at 2212 Sleeping Giant Parkway (formerly 9 South Water Street), in the City of Thunder Bay (hereinafter referred to as the "designating by-laws").
2. Pursuant to Section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* , the Council may amend the designating by-laws to include criteria for determining the cultural heritage value or interest of the designated property and structures (hereinafter referred to as "designating criteria").
3. Council has determined that it is in the public interest to further amend By-law 258-1979 to include designating criteria.
4. Council has deemed that The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay, as the owner of the CN Station, has received notice as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act* of the proposed amendments to By-law 258-1979 and 318-1981, and has no objection thereto.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT By-law 258-1979, as amended by By-law 318-1981, be and the same is hereby amended by:
  - (a) deleting the legal description contained in Schedule "A" of By-law 258-1979, as amended by By-law 318-1981, and replacing with Schedule "A" Legal Description (2012) attached to, and forming part of this By-law, and
  - (b) inserting Schedule "B" - Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of the CN Station, attached to, and forming part of this By-law, as Schedule "A" to By-law 258-1979;

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2. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 29th day of October, A.D. 2012 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

  
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Acting Mayor

  
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Deputy City Clerk

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Deputy City Clerk



By-law Number 116-2012

**Schedule "A"**  
**Legal Description (2012)**

**CN Station – 2212 Sleeping Giant Parkway (formerly 9 Water Street)**

Part of Water Lot X, opposite Lot 1, South Water Street, Town Plot of Prince Arthur's Landing;  
part of Water Lot in front of Water Lot X, opposite Lot 1, South Water Street, Town Plot of  
Prince Arthur's Landing; part of Water Lots in front of Lots 2 & 3, South Water Street, Town  
Plot of Prince Arthur's Landing; part of the production of Lorne Street, Town Plot of Prince  
Arthur's Landing;  
all being designated as Part 13, Plan 55R13363; Thunder Bay;  
being part of PIN 62264-0510 (LT).



## Schedule "B"

### Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of the CN Station

#### (forming Schedule "A" to By-law 258-1979)

#### CN Station – 2212 Sleeping Giant Parkway (formerly 9 South Water Street)

Architect: R.B. Pratt of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Contractor: Mr. S. Brown of Winnipeg

#### Building description:

The original station was symmetrical in plan and creates the impression of solidity by the combined use of brick and stone. The building features three main sections. The outer two sections are square towers, 3 stories each, with a 1-1/2 story, gabled middle section. A complimentary addition was added in 1950, which expanded the main and second floors of the building on the south end.

The architectural specifics of the building are all common features of what has been termed the "Railroad gothic" style of architecture, which is uniquely Canadian. The medieval detailing of the corner turrets or bartizans (in the Scottish baronial style) and crenellations are further enhanced by the triangular stone reliefs in the gables which feature the CNR initials, a wheat sheaf, and the date. The building is accentuated by various types of traditional window designs, including both round and vertical oriented sash-style windows with muntins, some of which are round headed. Below the windows on the second and third floors, at the sill level, runs a string course, supported by stone corbels. A frame canopy over the first story is supported on frame brackets that rest on stone corbels.

#### Notable architectural features:

- Tyndal limestone used in the foundation
- Extremely high pitched roofs
- Multiple dormer windows
- Loophole windows and dormer windows
- Crenelated turrets

- Frame canopy over the first story
- exposed brick interior walls near north and south ends of the original structure
- wooden features of stairs currently located at north end of original building
- arrow slit/oylet windows in corner turrets (bartizans)

Historical value:

The CN station was constructed in 1905-1906 for the Canadian Northern Railway, which later became the Canadian National Railway after World War I. This building is symbolic of the significant historical role that the railway played in both the development of business/industry in Port Arthur and Port Arthur itself. It is also an important symbol of the history of immigration into the area, as many immigrants arrived at the lakehead by rail or passed through the station on their way westward.

The historical value lies both in the age of the structure and in its representation of the history of Thunder Bay.

Contextual value:

The CN station is an integral part of the landscape of the waterfront in the downtown Port Arthur section of Thunder Bay.

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Heritage Advisory Committee  
at its meeting held on October 3, 2012