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BY-LAW NO. 59-88

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being a By-law of the City of Cambridge  
to designate the exterior of R.R.#33  
*mill* OLD HILL ROAD, Cambridge, Ontario (Sheave  
Tower) as a property of historic and  
architectural significance.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, c. 337 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 and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to so designate R.R.#33 Old Mill Road, Cambridge, Ontario, have been duly published and served;

AND WHEREAS it is considered desirable to designate the property known as R.R.#33 Old Mill Road, Cambridge, Ontario.

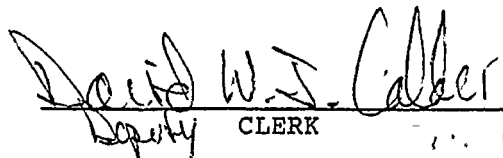
NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS: -

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historic significance the exterior of the original structure located on the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" and "B" attached hereto, known as R.R.#33 Old Mill Road, Cambridge, Ontario. The reasons for designation are as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. THAT the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the said 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 Cambridge.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

ENACTED AND PASSED, THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1988

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 59-88

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (formerly in the Town of Preston) and Province of Ontario and being composed of Part of Lot Number 5, Beasley's Old Survey, now known as Parts 1, 2 and 3 according to Reference Plan Number 67R-1647 (9.34 acres).

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 59-88,

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The building was constructed by Allan Bowman in 1876.

The Sheave Tower is a unique example of Carpenter Gothic architecture. It was one of the smallest water projects in the area as well as the first water wheel operation to use mill race water twice. Built as an auxiliary mill shed it housed a water-powered turbine that helped grind grain at the Carlisle Grist Mill (Blair Mill) located more than 300 feet away. It is the only remaining structure of its kind in the region and represents a part of the history of the Milling industry important to the development of Waterloo Region. For generations it has been a popular subject for local artists.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Sheave Tower is a wood frame structure approximately two and one half (2 1/2) storeys in height, pyramid shaped and clad in board and batten with a cedar shingle gable roof. Three(3) of the four(4) tower walls sit upon the millrace house; the southern wall spans the channel. There are pointed arch Gothic windows on each face of the tower as well as on the attached lean-to-shead. In the gable peak, the original beam which supported the sheave through which the cable ran projects beyond the roof edge.

More detailed description of the architectural features of the building can be found in the L.A.C.A.C. Building Description dated July 1987.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

a) Historical Significance:

The Sheave Tower

was the first water wheel operation to use mill race water twice representing an important part in the industrial development of Waterloo Region in its association with the Carlisle (Blair) Mill.

b) Architectural Significance:

The Sheave Tower

is a unique example of the Carpenter Gothic style and is the only remaining structure of its kind in the Region.