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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide St. E., 3rd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of 1255 Tecumseh Road East – John Campbell Public School

Council, for the Corporation of the City of Windsor, at its meeting held April 27, 2009 passed By-law Number 68-2009 to designate **1255 Tecumseh Road East** as a property of architectural and/or historic significance under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

* A copy of the by-law outlining the reasons for designation is **attached**. Notice of the designating By-law will be published in the Windsor Star on August 15, 2009.

Yours very truly,

Steve Vlachodimos
Manager of Council & Committee Services / Deputy Clerk

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attachments

BY - LAW NUMBER 68-2009

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 1255 TECUMSEH ROAD EAST, TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 27th day of April, 2009.

WHEREAS by virtue of the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

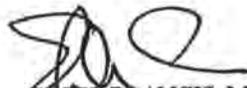
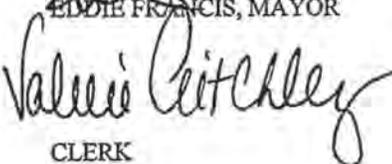
AND WHEREAS upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to designate the lands municipally known as *1255 Tecumseh Road East*, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the subject lands, was served on the owner(s) of the said subject lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on October 27, 2007;

AND WHEREAS notice of objection was withdrawn;

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That the lands municipally known as *1255 Tecumseh Road East*, more particularly described in said Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in said Schedule "B" annexed hereto.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is electronically registered in the Land Registry Office for the County of Essex (No. 12).


EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR

CLERK

First Reading - April 27, 2009
Second Reading - April 27, 2009
Third Reading - April 27, 2009

SCHEDULE "A"

Lots 396, 397, 399 to 401 inclusive, 410 to 412 inclusive, Part Lots 402 to 409 inclusive, Part Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Plan 1054 and Part Lot 92, Con 2 designated as Parts 2 and 4, Plan 12R-23687; Alley, Plan 1054 abutting Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, 396, 397, 399 to 412 inclusive, Plan 1054; Windsor

P.I.N. 01324-0520 LT

City of Windsor, County of Essex

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE

John Campbell School is located at 1255 Tecumseh Road East at Hall Ave. southeast of Windsor's city center, in an area generally referred to as South Walkerville. The red brick and stone two storey building is perhaps the finest and best-preserved example of Neo-Gothic Collegiate architecture in the City of Windsor.

HISTORICAL VALUE

John Campbell School is historically significant because of its continuous role, since 1927, as a public school for the South Walkerville community. It was named for long-time school trustee John Campbell. Mr. John. A. H. Campbell had served an unprecedented 16 years on the school board. His contributions to public education earned him this namesake thirteen years after his death in 1914.

DESIGN VALUE

John Campbell School is architecturally significant because it is perhaps the finest and best-preserved example of Neo-Gothic Collegiate architecture in the City of Windsor. The school was designed by the well-known local architectural firm of Nicholls, Sheppard and Masson in 1926. During the grand opening of the school on September 14, 1927 John Campbell School was called "the finest public school building in Ontario" even though it was also an "economy school." Construction costs were kept down by cutting out so-called "frills," such as a full basement and marble in every corridor. Compared to the approximate cost of \$20,000 a room to build other local schools, John Campbell School was a bargain at about \$13,000 per room.

Its most striking feature is the beautifully designed central bay – flanked by well-proportioned classroom wings – set well back from Tecumseh Road across a landscaped lawn. The massive Neo-Gothic entrance with its recessed arch is adorned with carved classical icons celebrating education. The colourful mosaic heraldic device above the tripartite-arcaded windows is unique among area schools. Beautifully designed wrought iron grates top the carved wooden entrance doors. While the rear of the school is less ornate, features of note include the unique covered porch to the kindergarten classroom at the rear of the north wing, rear entrances with stone surrounds, and the low stone course.

Behind the front entrance is a generous foyer with decorative carved ceiling beams and brackets. Segmental plaster arches frame the corridor entrances on four sides, and this theme is repeated in arched recesses and glazed openings to adjacent office areas. The space has a continuous travertine marble wainscot. Other interior features of note include the gymnasium with beamed ceiling and a stage with stone proscenium, and the second floor music room with small stage and skylight.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

Located on one of Windsor's major arterial roads, Tecumseh Road, in the South Walkerville neighbourhood, the school is a City landmark. Its location, set well back from the road across a landscaped front yard, gives it a park-like setting that allows the passerby to appreciate its architectural significance.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

Items that contribute to the historical value of the John Campbell School include:

- Its early (1927) and long time service to the South Walkerville community as a public school.
- Its association with its namesake, school trustee John A. H. Campbell.
- Its design by the well-known and respected local architectural firm of Sheppard & Masson.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of John Campbell School include:

- Its overall design as a fine example of Neo-Gothic Collegiate architecture.
- Its two-storey red-brick construction with stone trim (including a low stone course) and small pane metal frame windows.
- Its beautifully designed central bay on the north facade – flanked by well-proportioned wings – including:
 - Its massive Neo-Gothic entrance with its recessed arch, adorned with carved classical icons celebrating education.
 - Its colourful mosaic heraldic device above the tripartite arcaded windows on the front ell.
 - Its carved wooden entrance doors, topped by beautifully designed wrought iron grates.
- Its unique entrance to the kindergarten room with its covered brick and stone porch with wooden columns and balustrade and wooden doors.
- Its rear entrances with stone surrounds.

Interior features that contribute to the architectural value of John Campbell School include:

- Its foyer/lobby with:
 - A ceiling with finely carved decorative beams and brackets.
 - Orate glass/wood foyer doors
 - Segmental plaster arches.
 - Continuous travertine marble wainscot and marble tile floor
- Its gymnasium with:
 - Carved ceiling beams
 - Stage with stone proscenium
 - Stone school crest over the exits with words of inspiration - "Enter to Learn" & "Go Forth and Serve."
- Its second floor music room with:
 - Small stage
 - Orate skylight

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the John Campbell School include:

- Its landmark status in South Walkerville on one of Windsor's major east-west arterial roads.
- Its generous setback from Tecumseh Road East.