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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act  
Former Grantham Town Hall  
145 King Street  
File No. 10.64.161

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of July 28, 1997 passed a by-law designating the above-noted properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 97-235 are enclosed for your records.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5600, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

*K. Blozowski*

Kevin Blozowski,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

c.c. A. Poulin, City Solicitor  
K. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 97-235

A By-law to designate the former Grantham Town Hall, 145 King Street, to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the Former Grantham Town Hall, 145 King Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

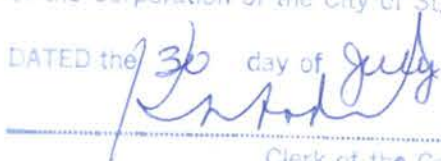
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as the former Grantham Town Hall, 145 King Street, is hereby designated to be 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 Schedule "A" hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 97-235 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 30 day of July 1997

  
Clerk of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the 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 St. Catharines.

Read a first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.  
Read a second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.  
Read a third time and passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1997.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-235

City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, former County of Lincoln, Part Lot 514, according to Corporation Plan No. 2, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the northerly boundary of King Street distant therein easterly 81 feet from the easterly boundary of Mary Street, which said point is the southwest angle of Lot 514;

THENCE North 34 degrees 05 minutes East in the northerly boundary of King Street, 45.35 feet to the line between Lots 496 and 514;

THENCE North 49 degrees 21 minutes West in the said last mentioned boundary 76.5 feet to an angle therein;

THENCE North 20 degrees 10 minutes West continuing in the said boundary 15.65 feet to an angle therein;

THENCE North 35 degrees 45 minutes East continuing in the said boundary 30.5 feet to the easterly boundary of Lot 514;

THENCE North 48 degrees 43 degrees West in the said last mentioned boundary 63.1 feet to an angle therein;

THENCE North 38 degrees 41 minutes East continuing in the said boundary 1.15 feet;

THENCE North 48 degrees 39 minutes West continuing in the said boundary 51.5 feet to a point in the easterly production of the northerly face of the northerly wall of a stable;

THENCE South 41 degrees 10 minutes West in the said production, the said northerly face and its production 82.25 feet to a point in the line between Lots 514 and 493;

THENCE South 48 degrees 32 minutes East in the westerly boundary of Lot 514, 213.65 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

SUBJECT to a right-of-way over that part of the above described property as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeast angle thereof;

THENCE South 34 degrees 05 minutes West in the northerly boundary of King Street 9.08 feet;

THENCE North 49 degrees 21 minutes West, 79.88 feet;

THENCE North 20 degrees 10 minutes West, 15.65 feet;

Schedule "A" - continued

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THENCE South 34 degrees 46 minutes East, .9.3 feet to an iron pipe marking the most westerly angle of Lot 496;

THENCE South 20 degrees and 10 minutes East in the line between Lots 496 and 514, 15.65 feet to an angle;

THENCE South 49 degrees 21 minutes East continuing in the said boundary 76.5 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Lands previously described in Instrument No. 26326 (1949).

SAVE AND EXCEPT Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 30R-3061.

#### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Grantham Town Hall was built in 1950 to plans prepared by local architect Lionel Hesson. This is one of few institutional buildings still in existence designed in a Contemporary International style with some Art Deco features that was becoming increasingly popular at that time. It has remained virtually unchanged over the past almost 50 years. Grantham Township celebrated its centennial the same year that the building opened in 1950. The building is associated with significant changes that were occurring during that era (i.e. the rapid shift from an agricultural to suburban land base in this area, and, ultimately amalgamation).

#### ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS

Architecturally, the front facade along King Street is the focal point of the building with the Grantham crest over the centre bay, frieze, window frames, portico, which are all of stone. The front doors and iron pole lamps are original. The grand concrete and stone front staircase with concrete planter bed gives visual depth to the front of the building. Other architectural features include some original copper flashings and copings, stone lintels and sills on secondary facades.