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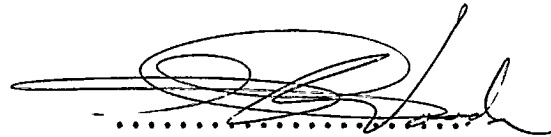
CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF FERGUS

BY-LAW # 2311

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The Ontario Heritage Act 1974

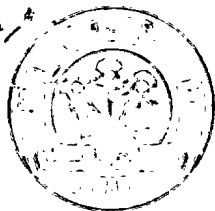
I, George Bruce Woods, Clerk of the  
Corporation of the Town of Fergus  
do hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true copy of By-law No. 2311  
passed by the Council of the Corporation  
of the Town of Fergus at a meeting  
of the said Council duly called and  
held on the 22nd day of September  
1980.

Dated at Fergus, Ontario  
this 29th day of September,  
1980.



G. B. Woods  
clerk

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# TOWN OF FERGUS

"HOME OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES"

198 ST. ANDREW STREET WEST - FERGUS, ONTARIO TELEPHONE (519) 843-3250

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

September 29, 1980

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Ontario Ministry of Culture and REcreation  
7th Floor, 77 Bloor West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: 330 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus  
"Old Town Hall"

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29, Sub-section 14 of The Ontario Heritage Act (1974), I am enclosing herewith certified copy of Town of Fergus By-law Number 2311, passed by the Council of the Town of Fergus at their regular bi-monthly meeting held on Monday, September 22, 1980.

The exterior stone walls of the property at 330 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, Ontario are hereby designated to be features of historical and architectural value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act (1974).

Yours very truly,

G. B. Woods  
Clerk-Treasurer

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FERGUS BY-LAW NO. 2311

being a by-law to designate the exterior of the building known as the "Old Town Hall" and municipally known as 330 St. Andrew Street West, in the Town of Fergus pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 S.O. c.122

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fergus gave notice dated the 5th day of October, 1979 of its intention to designate the exterior stone walls of the former Drill Hall, known as the "Old Town Hall" and also known municipally as 330 St. Andrew Street West, as features of historical and architectural value and interest.

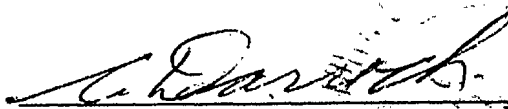

AND WHEREAS certain written objections were received by the Town and as a result, a Review Board hearing was held on May 8th, 1980;

AND WHEREAS Council has received a report from the Review Board which recommends that the Fergus Drill Hall or "Old Town Hall" building be duly designated by by-law under the provisions of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

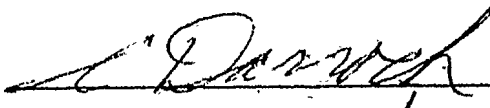
NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fergus enacts as follows:


1. The exterior stone walls of the former Drill Hall, known as the "Old Town Hall" and also known municipally as 330 St. Andrew Street West, which building is situated on the lands and premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, are hereby designated to be features of historical and architectural value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.
2. The reasons for the designation effected by this by-law are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.

READ a first and second time this 8th day of September, 1980.

  
Mayor  
  
Clerk

READ a third time and finally passed this 22nd day of  
September, 1980.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Fergus, in the County of Wellington and being more particularly described as follows:

FIRSTLY: the whole of Lot One (1) on the South side of St. Andrew Street and West of Tower Street according to Registered Plan 77 for the said Town of Fergus.

SECONDLY: Part of Lot Number Two (2) on the South side of St. Andrew Street and West of Tower Street according to Registered Plan 77 for the said Town of Fergus and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING on the Southeasterly limit of St. Andrew Street at the northerly corner of said Lot;

THENCE Southwesterly along the Southeasterly limit of St. Andrew Street twenty (20) feet to a point;

THENCE Southeasterly parallel with the Northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two (2) one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet to a point;

THENCE Southwesterly parallel with St. Andrew Street twenty (20) feet to a point;

THENCE Southeasterly parallel with the Northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two to the top of the bank of the Grand River;

THENCE along the top of the bank of the Grand River against the stream to the easterly corner of said Lot Number Two (2);

THENCE Northwesterly along the northeasterly limit of said Lot Number Two (2) to the place of beginning.

## SCHEDULE "B"

The reasons for the designation of the exterior stone walls of the former Drill Hall known as the "Old Town Hall" are as follows:

The Fergus Drill Hall was erected in 1868 to provide a place to train the local militia to withstand the military advances of the Fenians. The building, located close to the Southwest corner of St. Andrew and Tower Streets, was the largest drill hall built in the area.

Known as the Opera House, the building lent itself to a wide variety of public events and activities. Banquets and balls which marked important and significant community occasions were held at the premises, as were political rallies, Lodge dinners, public dances, Sunday School concerts and other Church events, high school exams and graduations, minstrel shows, euchre parties as well as amateur and professional theatrical performances.

Although more popularly known as the "Old Town Hall" no Town offices were located in the building. However, the Town "Lock-up" was housed in the southeast corner for many years. In the 1950's the Town sold the property and it was purchased by the Trustees of Melville United Church in 1957.

The building has several notable features. It forms a part of the streetscape of St. Andrew Street West. Hammer-dressed limestone was used for the walls. Dressed-smooth limestone was used for accent trim as the quoins which frame the central doorway and lunette window in the gable of the facade. More decorative masonry was used in the entry porch built later. A carved stone cornice was used and a series of tapered keystones and voussoirs in dressed-smooth limestone create a fan formation framing the semi-circular windows and entry door.

While the architectural design and stone masonry of the building are very much part of the visual quality of the Town, it must be noted that more than any other single property

or building, this structure has served for almost a century as a focus for major social activities in the life of the Town of Fergus.