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February 17th, 1993

Dear Sirs:

RE: Designation Under Part IV of the Ontario
Heritage Act, Central Fire Hall
30 Hellems Avenue, Welland, Ontario

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law Number 10045 for your records. By-law Number 10045, being a By-law to designate the above-referenced property as being of architectural and historical value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of February 16th, 1993. The reasons for the designation are attached to the By-law.

Yours very truly,

C. A. Stirtzinger
CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER
City Clerk

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c.c. -- G. Chipman, Chairman
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 10045

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 30 HELLEMS AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
CENTRAL FIRE HALL, OF HISTORIC OR
ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Welland has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 30 Hellems Avenue, commonly known as the Central Fire Hall, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, once a week for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, known as Central Fire Hall at 30 Hellems Avenue, in the City of Welland, be designated as being 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 said Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid 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 Welland.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL

THIS 16th DAY OF February, 1993.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

ACTING Rose-Li
DEPUTY Clerk, City of Welland

[Signature] MAYOR
[Signature] CLERK

Date FEB 17 1993

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SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Welland in the Regional Municipality of Niagara formerly in the Town of Welland, in the County of Welland and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: Lot L.D. on the north side of Division Street, in the said Town of Welland.

SECONDLY: All that part of Lot Z.Z. on the north side of Division Street, in the said Town of Welland, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing on the northern limit of Division street at the south east angle of Lot L.D. thence north along the east boundary of said Lot L.D. to the north east angle thereof, one chain and seventy-four and one half links, more or less, thence east sixteen links, more or less to the lands sold to George Ellsworth, thence southerly along the westerly boundary of the land sold to George Ellsworth, one chain and seventy links, more or less, to the northern limit of Division street, thence south seventy eight degrees thirty minutes west, along the northern limit of Division Street forty-two and one-third links, more or less to the place of beginning, containing one twentieth of an acre, be the same more or less.

As described in Instrument No. 1492 (Book 4)

THE CENTRAL FIRE HALL
30 HELLEMS AVENUE
PURSUANT TO THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

CENTRAL FIRE HALL
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Welland City Council purchased a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Division Street and Hellems Avenue in 1919 for a new Fire Hall. The building was designed by Walter W. LaChance with the only other known local building attributed to him being the Empire Cotton Mills' office. The tender for construction was awarded to the Gardner Construction Company of Welland in 1919 in the amount of \$43,851. The Fire Hall was completed in 1920.

The Central Fire Hall is a unique example of early twentieth century Edwardian Classical style while still incorporating the prominent feature of the "old time" red brick fire stations of the late 1800's. The most unusual elements of its design are its basilica plan, a rectangle with hexagonal 'apse' at either end and its siting at a 45° angle across the property.

The post 1900 Edwardian Classical revival is manifested in the buildings stylized and exaggerated classical elements such as the high stone plinth (base), ornamental stone blocks on the first floor, the slight projections on the second floor anchored on either side by decorative base stone, and the wide stone keystone and two flanking stone voussoirs which highlight the round headed third storey windows. Also, Edwardian features include the parapeted gables of the building's central block, the use of brick with stone trim, the large sash windows and doors of the first floor surmounted by rectangular transoms and the overhanging roof eave supported by cantilever. The building features a high brick drying tower fitted with a four faceted clock and a Greek acroterion, resembling old fashioned fire helmets, above each of the four dormers.

Noteworthy interior features include twin oak staircases, portions of the original tin ceiling, 1 1/4 inch hardwood flooring on the second floor, the two brass firepoles with original security gates and the metal ceiling at the top of the stairs on the third floor.