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January 3, 2012

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

**Re: Registration of Heritage By-laws  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held November 21, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council passed the following By-laws designating the indicated properties under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for their cultural heritage value and interest. The By-laws have been registered on title of the respective properties:

Property Address	Legal Description	By-law Number	Instrument Number	Registration Date
9 Park Street	Part of Lots 10 to 13 and all of Lot 14, Block 48, Plan 14	190-2011	00504-0238	20-Dec-11
14 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	191-2011	00504-0082	20-Dec-11
10 1/2 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	192-2011	00504-0265	20-Dec-11
6-8 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	193-2011	00504-0080	20-Dec-11
2-4 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	194-2011	00504-0079	20-Dec-11
14 William Street North	Lot 60, Old Survey	197-2011	00504-0069	23-Dec-11
20-26 William Street South	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey	195-2011	00504-0078	23-Dec-11
40-48 William Street South	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey	196-2011	00504-0074	23-Dec-11
383-395 King Street West	Lot 11 and Part of Lot 12, Block F, Old Survey	198-2011	00505-0004	23-Dec-11
367 Wellington Street West	Part of Lot 111, Old Survey	199-2011	00505-0043	23-Dec-11
325 Wellington Street West	Part of Lot 107, Old Survey	200-2011	00505-0036	23-Dec-11
788 North Street	Part of Block A, Plan 134	201-2011	00602-0004	07-Dec-11
6974 St. Philippes Line	Concession 8, Part of Lot 11	202-2011	00773-0032	14-Dec-11
7823 Bay Line	Concession 13, Part of Lot 18, RP24R-609, Part 1	203-2011	00764-0010	14-Dec-11

Copies of the By-laws are attached for your file.

Sincerely,



For Ryan Jacques  
Planner

C: Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

BY-LAW NUMBER 195-2011  
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property known as **20-26 William Street South, Community of Chatham**, as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

FINALLY PASSED the 21<sup>st</sup> day of **November, 2011**.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent may designate a property within the boundaries of the Municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has appointed the Heritage Chatham-Kent Advisory Committee and the said committee has recommended that the Municipality designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS given Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has given Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

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

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

1. That the property more particularly described in the attached Schedule "A" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The Clerk be authorized register the by-law against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk be directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.



THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this **21st** day of **November, 2011**.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law  
Number 195-2011 passed by Municipality of  
Chatham-Kent Council at its' meeting  
held on Nov 21, 2011,  
and the same is now in full force and effect.



The Corporation of the Municipality  
of Chatham-Kent

  
ACTING MAYOR – Steve Pinsonneault  
CLERK – Judy Smith

SCHEDULE 'A'

**PT LT 79-80 PL OLD SURVEY AS IN 559633; CHATHAM-KENT.**

PIN No. 00504-0078

## SCHEDULE 'B'

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

#### **Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination 20 – 26 William Street South, Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

\*any field that appears in grey is mandatory

#### **Identification**

<b>Historic Place Name</b>	20-26 William Street South		
<b>Other Names</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
	1	Other	Retro Suites

#### **Recognition**

<b>Authority:</b>	Local Government (ON)
<b>Recognition Type:</b>	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
<b>Recognition Date:</b>	2011-11-21



Location

Location

Building Number:	20-26
Street Name:	William Street South
Postal Code:	N7M 4S1
Locality:	Chatham
Community:	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Upper Tier:	n/a

Coordinates

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
Determination:	n/a	Determination:	Geocoding
Datum:	n/a	Datum:	NAD83
Zone:	n/a	Latitude:	42.404366
Northing:	n/a	Longitude:	-82.181271
Easting:	n/a		
Borden #:	n/a	Borden #:	n/a

Boundaries

Boundary Description:	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey, Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
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Map



## Description

### Statement of Significance

<b>Description of Historic Place:</b> i.e. Description of Property	20-26 William Street South is located on the west side of William Street, south of King Street West in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of a two-and-a-half storey salmon-brick commercial building that was constructed circa 1903.
<b>Heritage Value:</b> i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest	<p><i>Historical and Associative Value:</i>  20-26 William Street South is associated with the commercial history of downtown Chatham. In 1903, the neighbouring Merrill Hotel expanded onto this site when it added a "hallway and staircase." It is believed that during this construction three storefronts were built adjoining the Merrill Hotel. The storefronts showcased a variety of businesses over the years, including the Bates Bros. in 1915 who went on to erect the neighbouring Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South. Also housed in the storefronts were businesses such as V.C. Hunter's butcher shop, Fidenherg Fruits, a bakery and a succession of barber shops.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i>  20-26 William Street South is representative of early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial architecture. Its two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction is topped by a plain cornice. The detailing lies in the corbelled brickwork and labels over the windows on the second storey that feature concrete sills. The brick pilasters extend past the roofline and provide clear delineation of the structure's six bays.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i>  King Street is the historic main street of Chatham and the south side has historically been the busier side of the street, housing some of the oldest brick buildings in the City. This area has come to represent the centre of business and the home to many of the area's hostelrys. Throughout the 1850s and 60s, the corner of King and William Streets housed the first Baptist Church and from there along the south side of King to the Market Square was a series of wood frame shops, such as William Northwood's grocery store, the Dublin House and R.O. Smith's furniture store. The corner's historic prominence was enhanced by the nearby industry across McGregor's Creek, including the T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill at 14 William Street North, built in 1869, and the Beaver Flour Mill, built in 1872, but which burnt down in the 1980s.</p> <p>It was not until the 1880s that these buildings at King and William Streets were replaced with the brick structures that exist today and have come to house many of the City's most successful businesses. The structures from the Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South and around the corner to 16 King Street West form a continuous commercial front. Most of these buildings are two or three storeys, therefore maximizing their frontage on the main street. The basements of all the structures on this prominent corner were connected and it was believed that they were used in rum running during the era of prohibition.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i>  Chatham Directory, 1876-1877, 1915, 1919.  Community on Thames, 1987.  Municipality of Chatham-Kent Heritage Register  Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records  There Was a Time, Jim &amp; Lisa Gilbert.  Windfall, 1979.</p>
<b>Character-Defining Elements:</b> i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes	<p>Key exterior elements of 20-26 William Street South that contribute to its value as representative of early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial architecture include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction</li> <li>- flat roof</li> <li>- plain cornice</li> <li>- corbelled brickwork on the second storey</li> <li>- double hung windows on the second storey including labels and concrete sills</li> <li>- brick pilasters that extend past the roofline and separate the six bays</li> </ul> <p>Key elements of 20-26 William Street South that support its contextual value include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- location near the corner of King and William Streets</li> <li>- proximity to McGregor Creek and commercial businesses in downtown Chatham</li> <li>- forms part of continuous commercial store fronts that stretch from 28-34 William Street South to 16 King Street West</li> </ul>



**Images**

	Image 1:	Image 2:	Image 3:
File Path:	n/a	n/a	n/a
Image Type:	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
Caption:	Façade of 20-26 William Street South	Detailed View of the Façade of 20-26 William Street South	Contextual View of 20-26 William Street South
Description:	East facing façade depicting the two-and-a-half-storey salmon-brick construction, 2011.	Featured are the brick pilasters that extend past the roofline and separate the six bays, 2011.	Southwest view of 20-26 William Street South and the adjoining 2-4 King Street West, 2011.
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Miscellaneous Info:	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

**Resources**

<b>Location of Documents:</b>	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham Ontario N7M 4L4		
<b>Collections:</b>	n/a		
<b>Related Link</b>	<b>URL:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
	<a href="http://www.chatham-kent.ca">http://www.chatham-kent.ca</a>	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent Website
	<a href="http://retrosuites.com">http://retrosuites.com</a>	Other	Retro Suites Website

**Management**

<b>Ownership Type:</b>	Private (Taxable Corporation)
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