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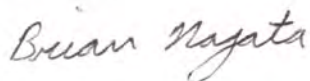
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

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

At the Council Meeting held September 24, 2012, 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 (See Page 2).

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

Sincerely,



Brian Nagata
Junior Planner

C: Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

Municipal Address	Legal Description	By-law Number	Instrument Number	Registration Date
156-158 Victoria Avenue	PART OF PARK LOT 15, PLAN 18 AS IN 597601, SUBJECT TO EASEMENT AS IN CK36197 OVER PART 1, 24R8718; CHATHAM-KENT	162-2012	CK76550	03-Oct-12
8296 Starkweather Line	PART OF LOT 23, CONCESSION 2 CHATHAM GORE AS IN 654867 (FIRSTLY); CHATHAM-KENT	163-2012	CK76551	03-Oct-12

BY-LAW NUMBER 162-2012

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property located at 156-158 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham (City) as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

PASSED the 24th day of September, 2012

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 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 "A" annexed hereto;

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

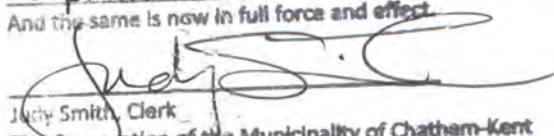
1. That the property municipally known as 156-158 Victoria Avenue, Community of Chatham (City) and more particularly described in the attached Schedule "B" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The Clerk be authorized to register the by-law against the property described in Schedule "B" 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 Trust 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 24th day of September, 2012.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law Number 162-2012
passed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its meeting held on

September 24, 2012
And the same is now in full force and effect.


Judy Smith, Clerk
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent


MAYOR - Randy R. Hope


CLERK - Judy Smith



Heritage Chatham-Kent

Municipal Heritage Committee

THE MARTIN HOUSE 156-158 VICTORIA AVENUE CHATHAM

Description of Property

The Martin House property is located at 156-158 Victoria Avenue, Chatham. The legal description of the property is: Part of Park Lot 15, Plan 18 As IN 597601, Subject to Easement As IN CK36197 Over Part 1, 24R8718, Chatham-Kent, in the City of Chatham in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of an elaborate three storey brick residence of Second Empire style.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative (OHA Reg 9/06):

The property has direct associations to Samuel T. Martin, an entrepreneur and inventor whose drainage technology was largely responsible for the transformation of thousands of acres of marsh into some of the most fertile farm land in Chatham-Kent. Samuel Martin (1839-1908) came to Chatham in 1874 and quickly established a successful real estate business. In 1878, he purchased 600 acres of marsh in Dover Township for \$75 and proceeded to develop plans to drain the land and bring it under cultivation. He set up a 50 acre test plot where he constructed a four foot dyke, however, attempts to pump out the enclosed water using wind power and steam driven pumps failed. He then devised an idea to construct a large "scoop wheel" that would look similar to a mill wheel but instead of being driven by falling water, it would be powered by a steam (later gas or diesel) engine to lift the water up and over the dikes to drain the land. The capacity of the wheel's buckets would be considerably greater than that of a contemporary pump. (Note: Martin did not invent this idea: scoop wheels had been used to drain land in Germany, The Netherlands, and Britain, however, he did introduce and apply the technology to this region)

Despite advice from doubters, Martin commissioned Park Bros. Foundry in Chatham to construct a wheel to Chatham engineer E.B. Jones' specifications. The finished product was 16' in diameter and 3' wide and turned at 6 revolutions per minute. In 1880, the wheel successfully drained the enclosed 50 acres within a week during a time of high water levels. The land was then planted and produced a high-yield corn crop that same summer.



Myers scoop/dash wheel in Dover.

- Metal finials on towers
- Polychromatic patterned slate roof cladding
- Decorative wooden pediment surmounting the north tower
- Dormers with decorative central peaked cornices, pilasters, and bracketed frieze
- Large single stack chimney with dentils and decorative brick work
- Decorative horizontal wooden soffit and frieze with closely spaced small brackets interspersed with larger brackets
- Decorative wooden gable end frieze
- Bi-chromate brickwork
- Stretcher and Flemish bond brickwork
- Window and door placement and openings
- Decorative brick headers, keystones, and voussoirs
- Decorated lug window sills
- Decorative iron balcony railings
- Two storey bay windows with bell-cast metal separation, paneled flanking pilasters, paneled and bracketed frieze, and panelled base
- Crenulated brickwork on northern facade
- Square pillared open porches with heavy cornice
- Double door main entrance with decorative woodwork and transom
- Cut stone even course foundation
- Gable end fan opening

Contextual:

Key elements of the Martin House that support its contextual significance are:

- Setback from the street in relation to the surrounding buildings.

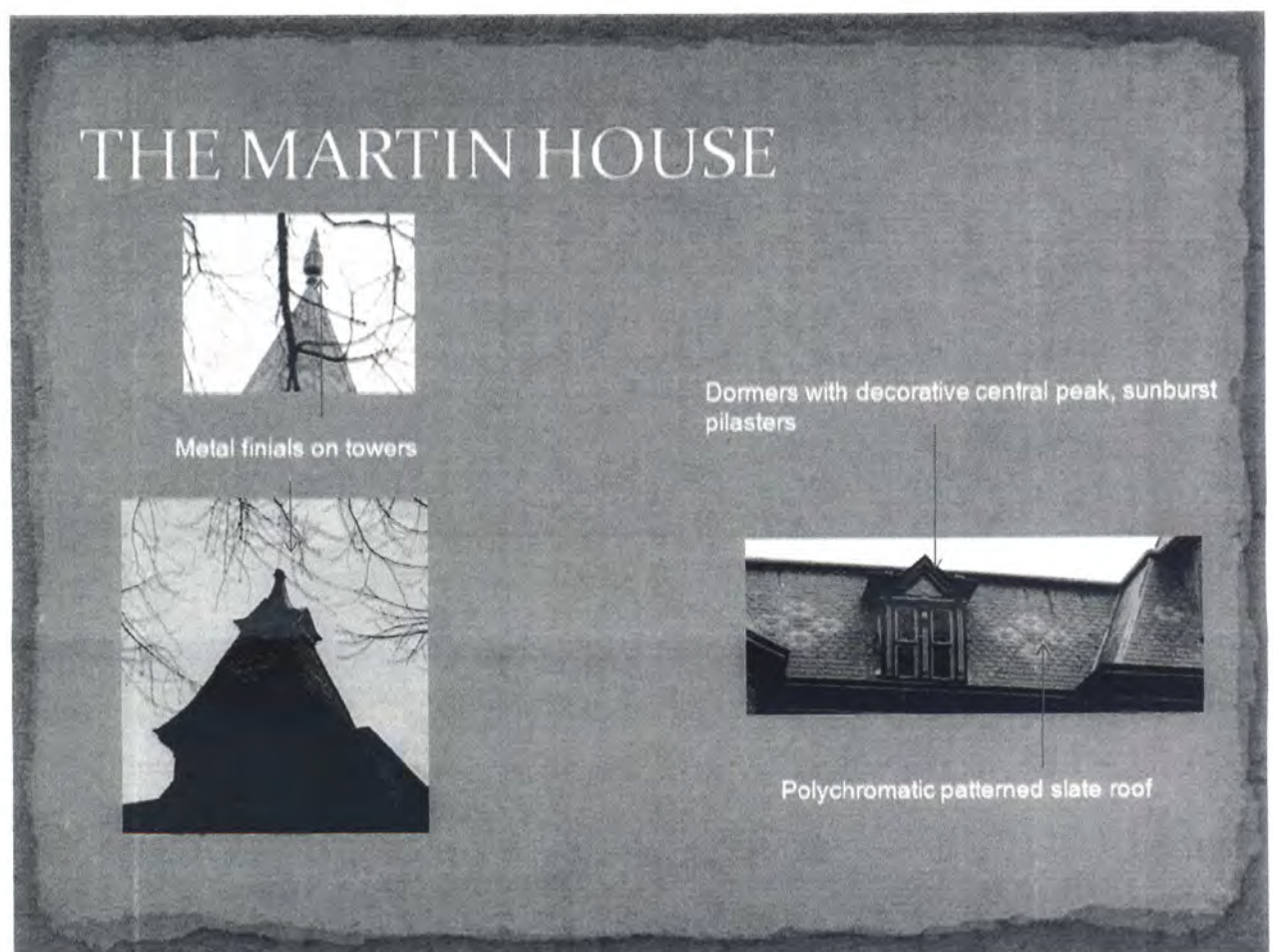
Sources:

-Victor Lauriston *Romantic Kent*, Chatham, 1952

-Marion Matt *The Dipper Stick; The History of Drainage In Kent County Ontario*, Chatham, 1979

-Chatham City Directories 1877-1930

Photographs of Character Defining Elements:



THE MARTIN HOUSE



- Two storey bay windows with
- paneled and bracketed frieze
- bell-cast metal separation
- paneled flanking pilasters
- paneled base

THE MARTIN HOUSE



Crenulated brickwork



- iron railing
- open porch
- heavy cornice
- square pillars

Double front entrance
Door and transom



Schedule B

Part of Park Lot 15, Plan 18 As IN 597601, Subject to Easement As IN CK36197
Over Part 1, 24R8718, Chatham-Kent

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