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CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF DRESDEN

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DRESDEN, ONTARIO, N0P 1M0

February 28th, 1989

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974

PROPERTY DESIGNATION

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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FOUNDATION

Notice of Designation - Copy of By-Law

By-Law Number 1281 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to Designate the Property known
Municipally as 485 St. George Street - DRESDEN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING as being of architectural and/or
Historical Value or Interest.

By-Law Number 1282 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to designate the property known
Municipally as 187 Brown Street - DRESDEN PUBLIC
LIBRARY as being of architectural and/or Historical
Value or Interest.

J.L. Babcock
Clerk

Corporation Town of Dresden

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BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPAL AS 485 ST. GEORGE STREET
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORICAL
VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as DRESDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING at 485 ST. GEORGE STREET 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as DRESDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING at 485 St. George Street, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) The Municipal 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.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorizes 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 to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

Read a first time this 6th day of February , 1989.

Read a second time this 6th day of February , 1989.

Read a third time and finally passed this 6th day of
February , 1989.

Anthony Stranak
Mayer
[Signature]
Clerk

SCHEDULE A to By-Law Number 1281

of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden.

485 St. George Street

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and
premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Dresden,
in the County of Kent and Province of Ontario and being
composed of Part of Lots One (1) and Four (4), Registered
Plan No. 127 for the said Town of Dresden.

This is schedule A to By-Law Number 1281
passed the 6th day of February
1989.

Anthony Stianak Mayor

[Signature] Clerk

DRESDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING - Originally built in 1912 as a postoffice and customs house, and converted to municipal offices in 1966, this building is considered a landmark by townspeople and rural residents alike.

It is recommended by Dresden LACAC that historical designation of this building be sought, under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974. We recommend that only the exterior be so designated, as the interior has no longer any original furnishings due to modifications made when it was converted to use as a municipal office and council chamber.

The predominant feature of this building is its clock tower and the original clockworks which were installed in 1913. The works are so designed that there are four faces, one for each of the cardinal compass points. The striking mechanism has been disconnected.

Awarded the contract, the "postoffice" was built by W.E. Clark, a Dresden contractor of that era at a cost of \$14,000, exclusive of the clock works, which came from Great Britain at a price of \$2,000. The exterior of the building is of glazed brick; the two remaining entranceways are of poured concrete, and their access doors are the originals. The general style of the building is *Romanesque Revival*, with minor modification, such as the mansard roof overhang, and the pediment on the main face of the building is inscribed with the initial "GR", indicative of the reign of George V (1914-1936).

The original contract called for a full, two storey building, with full basement. The main floor was fitted out with marble-top counters, grilled wickets, and a box-lobby. The second floor contained a large "long-room" which served as a customs warehouse and clearing house; as well as an apartment for the fulltime caretaker. The basement contained a coal fired boiler, which supplied steam heat to the entire building. While this system has since been modified for natural gas, it is interesting to note that the son, grandson and great grandson of the builder, W.E. Clark continued to supply coal to the furnace until the switch-over to natural gas was made.

Other modifications to the building, since its acquisition by the town include removal of the entranceway on the south side, [see attached sketch] and the construction of a brick addition on the east side to accommodate a vault. When a new postoffice was built on Main Street, discovery of the original blueprints for the older building was made, as its contents were cleared out, and these were turned in to the Department of Public Works by the postmaster of 1967, [REDACTED].

Over the years, the building has been reasonably well maintained and is, in our opinion, worth the effort to have it designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974. The clockworks are in need of attention, and this should be a priority item.

The benchmark of the town is entrenched on the south side of the building, and is the basis of all surveys.

Recommendation submitted to Dresden Council Sept. 12/88
Dresden L.A.C.A.C.

