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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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**Re: Notice of Passing of By-laws
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held July 15, 2013, Chatham-Kent Council approved Administration's recommendation to pass By-laws to designate the properties listed below, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, for their cultural heritage value or interest, as defined by one or more of the Criteria under *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

The heritage attributes identified on the subject properties, using the *Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* under *Ontario Regulation 9/06*, have been included in the associated Designation Reports as Schedule A to the by-laws listed below.

Municipal Address	By-law Number	Registration Number	Registration Date
16 King Street West, Community of Chatham (City)	114-2013	CK86724	August 8, 2013
77-79 Lansdowne Avenue, Community of Chatham (City)	115-2013	CK86739	August 8, 2013
183 King Street East, Community of Chatham (City)	116-2013	CK86738	August 8, 2013

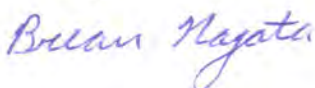
187 King Street East, Community of Chatham (City)	117-2013	CK86737	August 8, 2013
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The Notice of Passing of By-laws was placed on the Chatham-Kent home webpage on August 12, 2013.

Copies of the By-laws are enclosed for your records.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Notice of Passing of By-laws.

Sincerely,



Brian Nagata, Junior Planner
Planning Services

C: Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachments

BY-LAW NUMBER 117- 2013
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property located at **187 King Street East, Community of Chatham (City)**, as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

PASSED the 15th day of July, 2013

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:

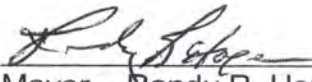
1. That the property municipally known as 187 King Street East, Community of Chatham (City) and more particularly described in the attached Schedule "B" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The Clerk be authorized to register the by-law 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 posted on the Municipality's Ontario Heritage Act Notices webpage.

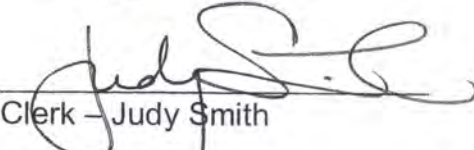
THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 15th day of July, 2013.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law Number 117-2013
passed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its meeting held on

July 15, 2013
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

Schedule A

*Heritage Chatham-Kent**Municipal Heritage Committee*

DESIGNATION REPORT

**THE CHERRY BLOCK
187 KING STREET EAST
CHATHAM**

Preamble:

This property has strong historical associations and significance as well as contextual importance in this historically significant community.

Architecturally, the style is restrained and relatively un-altered. The windows have been modernized but the openings and casements are original. Some original windows and doors have been filled in but their locations are clearly visible. The first floor front storefront has been modernized but it still retains large glass windows and the essence of the original storefront.

The front façade of the building would have had a built up wood cornice or crown along the top of the roofline, possibly accentuated with brackets. The rear extension is likely fairly early and may even be original to the building although it has siding making it hard to identify any significant details.

The Chatham City Directory from 1894 lists Isaac Holden as having a grocery on the corner of King Street East and Princess Street. Holden was an important Black abolitionist, entrepreneur, and civic leader. Based on land registry documents, however, it would seem that Mr. Holden's business was on the southeast corner of King and Princess and not at 187 King Street East.

DESIGNATION REPORT

THE CHERRY BLOCK 187 KING STREET EAST CHATHAM

Description of Property

The Cherry Block property is located at 187 King Street East, Chatham. The legal description of the property is Part of Lot 33, Block L, Old Survey, As IN 496996, Chatham-Kent, in the City of Chatham in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of a brick three storey commercial building in a restrained Italianate style, c. 1896.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative (OHA Reg 9/06):

The property is one of the few remaining commercial buildings that remain in East Chatham, an internationally significant settlement that, prior to the American Civil War, was home to many prominent Black abolitionist leaders, writers, religious leaders, and businessmen. The substantial brick three storey building reflects the increasing affluence of black entrepreneurs in Chatham in the decades following the Civil War. It has operated as a community grocery/variety store for over 115 years (as of 2012).

The property was originally part of the Wilberforce Educational Institute lands and was sold to Laura Cherry (nee Jacobs) in 1896. Laura had married Charles Thurman Cherry, a Black entrepreneur from North Carolina and Chicago, in 1893. The Cherrys appear to have built the building and operated it as a grocery until Mr. Cherry's death in the mid-1930s. The building has continued to be used as a grocery/community variety store.

Design/Physical (OHA Reg 9/06):

The Cherry Block is a well preserved example of a commercial block building with residences above, dating from the third quarter of the 19th century. The structure is of brick construction with three floors with a flat, decorative front façade in a restrained Italianate style facing King Street East. The building is rectangular with stepped parapet sides with a one storey framed and sided extension to the rear.



Contextual:

The building has strong visual prominence due to its height and massing on a corner lot surrounded by lower primarily residential homes.

Description of Heritage Attributes/Character Defining Elements

Key elements of the Cherry Block that contribute to its value as a well preserved example of a late 19th century commercial building include:

Exterior:

- Unusual stretcher bond brick construction with irregularly spaced header courses.
- Four step parapet façade on east and west elevations
- Window and door placement in brick section
- Window and door casements in brick section
- Stone lug window sills
- Raised brick voussoirs over windows on east (Princess Street) elevation
- Four bay second and third floor front façade with arched window casements
- Slightly raised arcaded brick window surrounds with dentil detail below sills on front façade.
- Decorative brick frieze with dentils on front facad

Contextual:

Key elements of the Cherry Block that support its contextual significance are:

- Corner location (King Street East and Princess Street)
- Placement with respect to roads and sidewalk
- Height and massing in relation surrounding buildings and its rear extension.



Sources:

- Gwendolyn and John Robinson *Seek The Truth: A Story of Chatham's Black Community*, 1990
- Chatham City Directories 1877-1945
- Land Registry Records

Photographs of Character Defining Elements:

Stretcher bond construction with irregularly spaced header course, brick voussoir, lug window sill, original window placement and opening.



Decorative frieze, dentillated detail, arcaded windows with arched brick headers and dentil detail under sills.





Stepped parapet side.

Schedule B

PART OF LOT 33, BLOCK L, OLD SURVEY PLAN AS IN 496996; CHATHAM-KENT

PIN No. 00503-0045