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September 29, 2000

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation
Heritage Branch
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

RE: Notice of Intention to Designate 4 Market St. South, Dundas
Our File: R01

Dear Sir:


Please be advised that an ad will be placed in the Dundas Star News on October 4, 2000 indicating that the municipality is intending to designate the above noted property in Dundas under the Ontario Heritage Act.

A copy of the ad is attached to this letter for your information.

You are being notified of intention to designate this property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please be advised that if no objections are received regarding this designation, a by-law will be forwarded to Town Council on November 6, 2000.

Yours very truly,


Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, CHAPTER 0.18, R.S.O. 1990,
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE
ARMOURY, 4 MARKET STREET SOUTH, IN THE TOWN OF DUNDAS IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas intends to
designate property of historical and architectural value or interest under the Ontario
Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990.

Reasons for Designation

Historical Background and Significance

The site was originally called St. Andrew's Square and served as the town marketplace. In 1868, the square was chosen for a new drill shed and after many complications the final structure was erected in 1874. In 1901 offices and quarters were built on the east side of the drill shed and the wooden drill shed was faced with brick. In 1934 a fire destroyed the 1874 drill hall and the armoury suffered extensive water damage. The Ministry of National Defense gave permission to rebuild and restore and a budget of \$45,000.00 was set. E. P. Muntz Co. of Dundas won the tender. This was an important project at this time in the Depression and as many men as possible were employed to do mostly hand labour as evidenced in the hand hewn beams in the drill hall roof. The Ministry prepared the plans with the request from the officers for a vaulted beam ceiling. The new building opened on August 7th, 1935.

The Armoury was home to the 77th Wentworth Regiment (1872), the 129th C.E.F. Battalion (1915), Wentworth Regiment (1920-37), 102nd Field Battery Battalion, Dundas Sea Cadets and the 735th Squadron of the Air Cadets. In 1973 the Ministry sold the building to the town and with the financial help of the Lions Club became the Lions Memorial Community Centre.

The site has a long history of public use in Dundas, first as a market and then as a home to the local militia and the scene of many town events. The last few decades have seen its public role expand to embrace all ages and activities.

Architectural Description and Significance

The Armoury is a three bay rectangular brick building of two storeys with an attached three story tower on the northeast corner. The foundation course is of rough faced cut stone laid in an irregular pattern and capped with buttress shaped stone. The façade is decorated with a string course of cut stone; the roof is flat with a metal clad wood parapet, cornice and wood frieze. The chimney is of red brick, decorated with cut stone and capped with yellow brick.

The main door is a segmental arch trimmed with radiating brick voussoirs. Above the door ARMOURY is engraved on a stone slab. The first floor windows are two over two with a flat arch of slightly radiating brick voussoirs, plain brick sides and a cut stone lugsill. The second storey has paired double hung windows with flat arch vertical brick voussoirs and a continuous stone sill. The brick tower is round and has a stone string course at the first and second storey level, with a conical roof capped by a ball-shaped finial. The windows of the first storey are one over one with plain surrounds and a cut stone lintel and stone lugsills.

The drill hall is attached to the rear of the armoury and has five bays delineated by brick piers. The wood vaulted roof of the drill hall is of particular significance. It is a low arched, vaulted structure made of short wooden "latticed" trusses held in place and stabilized by steel "turnbuckles" or rods. This form of roof construction was used on some government buildings due to the wood shortage and cost factors during the Depression. It also demonstrated a new engineering solution to the challenge of

spanning a large space without the use of internal supports. There is apparently only one other surviving example of such roof construction on a building in Ottawa.

The armoury building is a good example of a smaller, but still impressive military or government commissioned structure. Echoing some of the features of Hamilton's James Street Armoury, it shows the influence of the Richardson Romanesque style, so popular in public buildings of the last part of the 19th century.

Features to be Designated

The following features of The Armoury at 4 Market Street South, are subject to this designation: the east and north faces of the 1901 block and tower; and the interior roof support system of the 1935 drill hall.

Council's consent will not be required for any alteration, maintenance, repair, replacement or improvement of elements of the property unless they affect the reason for designation.

Any person within 30 days of the publication of this notice may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Dundas, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF DUNDAS this 4th day of October, 2000.

Ms. Susan L. Steele, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk