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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STONEY CREEK

BY-LAW NO 4324-95

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
552 RIDGE ROAD AS
BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.O. 18, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-laws to designate a property, including buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, 552 Ridge Road, Concession 4, Part of Lot 17, City of Stoney Creek, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STONEY CREEK ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

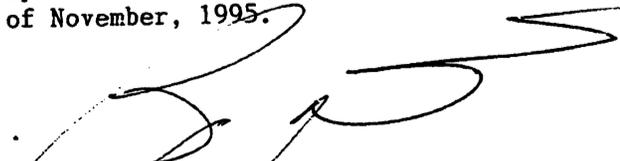
1. There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized 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.

ENACTED AND PASSED this *28th* day of, *November* 1995.


CLERK


MAYOR

I, Rose Caterini, Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek, hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true copy of By-law No. 4324-95, passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek on the 28th day of November, 1995.


Dated at the City of Stoney Creek, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, this 6th day of December, 1995.

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO 4324-95

**DESCRIPTION OF LANDS
ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME
552 RIDGE ROAD**

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the former Township of Saltfleet, now the City of Stoney Creek, composed of part of Lot No. 17 on the 4th Concession of the said Township described as follows:

COMMENCING at an iron bar planted at a point in the Southern limit of a given road running easterly and westerly through said Lot 17 known as Ridge Road where it is intersected by the Division Line between 17 and 18 in said Concession, which iron bar is distant 3021 feet measured on a course of north 19 degrees 12 minutes east along the aforesaid Division Line from the Southwestern corner of said Lot No. 17;

THENCE easterly on a course of South 67 degrees 40 minutes east along the said Southern limit of the aforesaid given road 270 feet to an iron bar planted;

THENCE south 19 degrees 12 minutes west parallel with the aforesaid division line between Lots No. 17 & 18, 306 feet to an iron bar planted;

THENCE North 67 degrees 40 minutes west, 270 feet to an iron bar planted in the aforesaid division line between Lots 17 & 18;

THENCE North 19 degrees 12 minutes east along the aforesaid Division line 306 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NO 4324-95

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME
552 RIDGE ROAD**

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home represents a significant part of the history of Stoney Creek and this historic house is one of the best preserved examples of "Gothic Revival" in Ontario: the white board and batten house with its bay windows, green shutters and hand carved maple barge boards running along the gables. The barge boards have an original pattern resembling a paper chain of maple leaves. The back part of the house may have been built in 1801 and the front part was built in 1873. The site also includes a drive house which was constructed in the 1870s.

Important to the preservation of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home are the exterior features including the foundation, the original board and batten facades of the house, the windows, shutters and barge boards, as well as the lace work at the front porch and bay windows. Also important is the preservation of the drive house with its original interior hand hewn timbers.

James and Hannah Lee arrived in Saltfleet Township from Maryland in 1792. Their eldest son, John, married Mary Moore. Mary Lee received the deed for Lot 17, the present site of the house, from the Crown in 1844. John Lee served in the 5th Lincoln Regiment in 1812 during hostilities with the U.S.A.

In 1873 Abram, the youngest son of John Lee, built the front part of the existing house. Erland Lee, born in 1864, inherited the family farm. He was a charter member of the Farmer's Institute and secretary-treasurer of the Saltfleet Agricultural Society. Erland Lee was the Saltfleet Township clerk for nearly 20 years.

In 1897 Erland Lee invited Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless to speak at Ladies' Night of the Saltfleet Farmer's Institute. On February 19, 1897, the first Women's Institute in the world was organized at Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek. The original by-laws and constitution were drawn up by Erland Lee, Senator E. D. Smith and Major F. M. Carpenter. The first president was Mrs. E. D. Smith and Mrs. Janet Lee was one of the first directors.

In 1961 a memorial plaque was unveiled on a large granite boulder in front of the house. In 1967 the Historic Sites Board of Ontario also unveiled a plaque at the site. In 1972 the site was purchased by the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario during the 75th Anniversary Year of Women's Institutes.

*Squire's Hall where
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