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## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON



# DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK K.W SADLER, CITY CLERK

## REGISTERED

November 13, 1990

Ontario Heritage Foundation, 2nd Floor, 77 Bloor St. W. Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

Re: Designation of 95 High Street

The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Please find enclosed, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3101-396, entitled "A by-law to designate 95 High Street to be of architectural and historical value", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 5, 1990 and registered as Instrument No. 880109 on November 9, 1990.

R.J. Tolmie

Assistant City Clerk

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ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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By-law No. L.S.P.-3101-396

A by-law to designate 95 High Street to be of architectural and historic value.

WHEREAS pursuant to <u>The Ontario Heritage Act</u>, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic and architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 95 High Street has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest, the real property at 95 High Street, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
- 2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980.
- 4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on November 5, 1990

K. W. Sadler

City Clerk

First reading - November 5, 1990 Second reading - November 5, 1990 Third reading - November 5, 1990

#### SCHEDULE "A"

## To By-law No. L.S.P.-3101-396

Part of Lot Number Six (6) east of the Wortley Road and Part of Lot Number Twenty-two (22) according to Registered Plan Number 464 in the City of London and County of Middlesex, which may be more particulary described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the northerly limit of lot twenty-two (22) Plan 464 distant sixty feet (60') from the easterly limit of lot sixteen (16) according to the said Plan;

Thence northerly parallel to the easterly limit of said lot sixteen (16) according to Plan 464 to a point in the southerly limit of lot eight (8) according to Registered Plan Number One (1);

Thence easterly along the southerly limit of said lot number eight (8) according to Registered Plan Number One (1), two hundred feet (200') more or less to the southeast angle of said lot number eight (8) and the westerly limit of High Street;

Thence southerly along the westerly limit of High Street a distance of sixty-one feet, nine inches (61'9") to the north-east angle of lot twenty-two (22), Registered Plan 464;

Thence westerly along the northerly limit of said lot twenty-two (22), Plan 464, to the place of beginning, being the lands in Instrument 843590.

#### SCHEDULE "B"

To By-law No. L.S.P.-3101-396

#### Architectural Reasons

Plans for the house were drafted by the London architect, Samuel Peters, in 1877 who was London's first City Engineer. The symmetrical house plan suggests the strong influence of Regency Revival. The house has a hip roof, a decorative cornice in a cut-out pattern and the segmental arched windows with brick voussoirs. As a result of its subdivision into apartments, 95 High Street has been altered with the loss of the original dormers and the removal of the front porch. The house has several large double chimneys.

The interior of 95 High Street is a mirror image of 97 High Street. It is distinguished by a grand front entrance hall graced with inner double-leaf front doors, wood trim and a decorative ceiling medallion and cornice. The house contains three fireplaces with faux-marble finish. An arch with barley twist mouldings and wood columns separates the two parlours which contain decorative plaster work.

### Historical Reasons

The three houses at the intersection of High Street and McClary Avenue (95, 97 High Street and 53 McClary Avenue) are all related historically through John McClary (1829-1923). The McClary name was one of the most important in the London business community during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. John and Oliver McClary established the McClary Manufacturing Company in 1847 just east of the city centre, later adding another plant on Adelaide Street. By 1915 the McClary Manufacturing Company was one of the largest employers in London with 1,500 workers. The Company produced stoves, enamelware and furnaces as well as operating a foundry. The firm had both a national and international reputation and had branch plants in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg and St. John's. Both 95 and 97 High Street were constructed by John McClary as wedding presents for his two daughters. The building at 95 High Street was built c.1882 for Theresa McClary Gunn. Her husband, William Gunn, was involved in the insurance business but soon after marrying he began working at the McClary Manufacturing Company. The Gunns eventually moved, but the house, as is the case of 97 High Street, remained with the McClary family until 1923. The building at 95 High Street was divided into several apartments in the 1950s.