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NOTICE

VILLAGE OF ATHENS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O. CHAPTER 122

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE VILLAGE OF ATHENS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Athens has passed by-law number 92-6 to designate the following property as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Athens Town Hall, 1 Main Street West, Athens, Ontario

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Athens Town Hall, constructed in 1904-05, and officially opened by Sir Wilfrid Laurier is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Historically, it has served as a focal point in the area for political and social activities and as a civic symbol.

Built in a modified Romanesque Revival style, of red brick, this large structure presents an imposing appearance, with its 3 round arched main entranceways and 3 towers. The roof is steeply pitched and is clad with pressed metal unit shingles. All windows are round arched and the entrance to the centre tower has large glazed doors in the Colonial Revival fashion, under a Neo Georgian fan transom. Also adding to the exterior appearance of the building is decorative ornamental woodwork around the friezes of the towers. The east entrance has been modified by adding a canopy and new doors but there is enough existing information to allow replacement of existing conditions.

In the interior, a decorated staircase rises from an entrance with arched double glass and wood doors, leading to a large upper main assembly area. Large round arched windows, a splendid stage with adjacent dressing rooms, lath and plaster curved ceiling and a magnificent curved gallery which overlooks the main area are skilful details lending dignity to the building. There are standing trim and wainscoting extant throughout most of the building interior.

The Town Hall is prominently located at the intersection of Main Street (Highway #42) and Elgin Street.

Preservation of the Athens Town Hall is important as a monument to local ambition and community pride, as well as preserving the character of the Village and surrounding district.

DATED at Athens this 15th day of April, 1992.

Betty Ann Hayes, A.M.C.T.
Clerk-Treasurer

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CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ATHENS

BY-LAW NUMBER 92-6

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE ATHENS TOWN HALL AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS 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 and or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Athens has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Athens Town Hall, 1 Main Street West, Athens, 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 a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

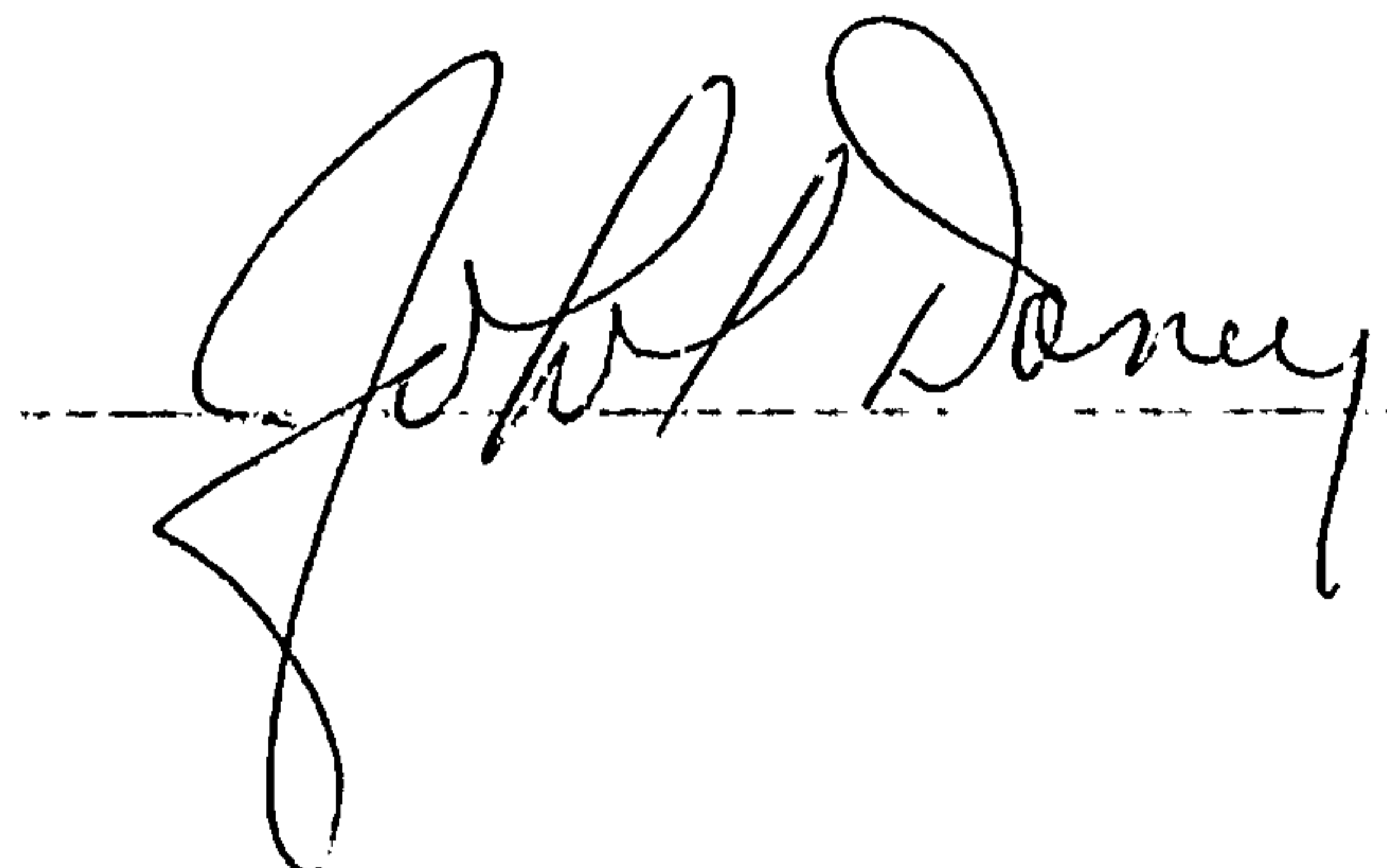
WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto; and

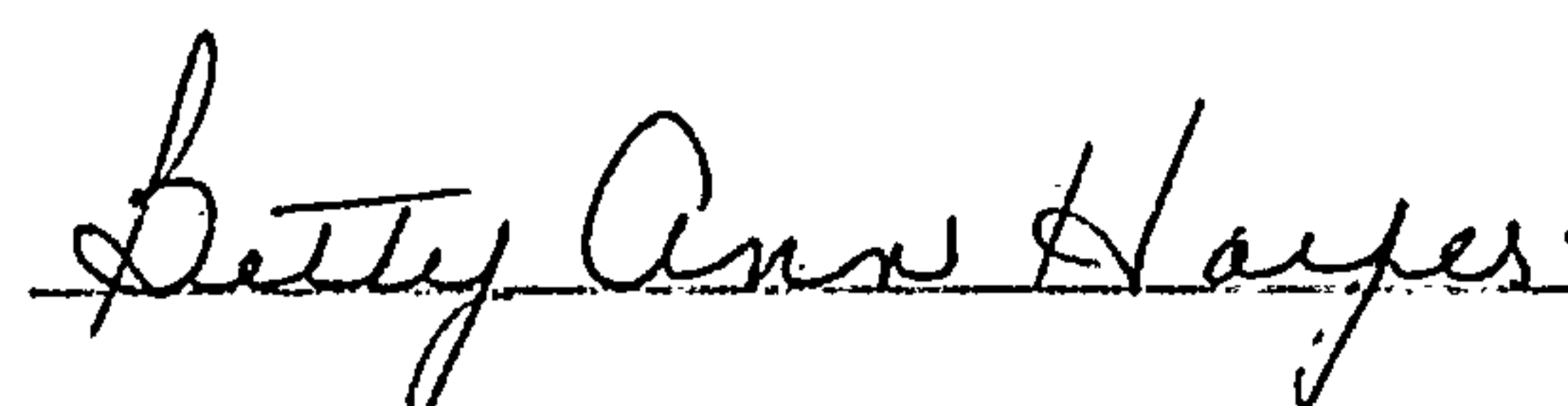
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Athens enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest the real property known as the Athens Town Hall at 1 Main Street West, Athens, 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 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Athens once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 1992.


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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the said Village of Athens and being composed of a part of Lot Number one in Block "E" as laid down on a Plan of the said Village of Athens, filed in the Registry Office for the County of Leeds as Plan Number "141", more particularly described as follows, that is to say; Commencing at the North East angle of said lot, then Southerly along the easterly limit of Elgin Street one hundred feet, then in a Westerly direction parallel with the Northerly boundary of said lot one hundred and sixty feet, then in a Northerly direction parallel with the said Easterly limit of Elgin Street one hundred feet more or less to the Southerly limit of Main Street, then in an Easterly direction along the Southerly limit of Main Street one hundred and sixty feet to the place of beginning.

SCHEDULE "B"

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