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BY-LAW NO. 012,1987 OF THE CITY OF CORNWALL

A by-law to designate the property known municipally as 40 First Street West as being of architectural and historical value or interest

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WHEREAS section 29 of 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 or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises located on the south east corner of First and Augustus Streets 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

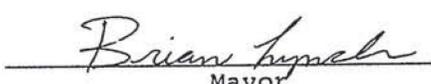
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known municipally as 40 First Street West, 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed in Open Council this 12th day of January , A.D. 1987.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO.012 , 1987

Part of Lot 17 south side of First Street in the City of Cornwall,  
in the County of Stormont in the Province of Ontario.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES  
KNOWN AS THE FORMER CHESLEY'S INN, SOUTH EAST  
CORNER OF FIRST AND AUGUSTUS STREETS, IN THE  
CITY OF CORNWALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Originally constructed in the 1820's and operated by the prominent Chesley family as a pioneer inn, this structure has served as a central meeting place for the community and a welcome resting place for weary travellers. The railway era changed transportation habits and the inn was converted to a private residence in the 1850's. Likely at this time, the building was moved back from the street and covered with a brick veneer.

This two-and-a-half-storey building with its substantial rear wing is an outstanding example of the Georgian style of architecture with its balanced facade, centre hall plan and simple mass. Other details such as the brick exterior, narrow casement windows and dressed stone lintels likely date from the later conversion.

The fine entrance door is, according to local tradition, a remnant from "Ivy Hall", the residence of Ontario's first premier, John Sandfield Macdonald. This house is one of Cornwall's oldest standing buildings and serves as an attractive reminder of the city's early history.