



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 86-84

A By-law to Designate the Property known Municipally as The Forester, 72 Main Street East, Huntsville as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest.

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 Town of Huntsville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 'The Forester' at 72 Main Street East, Huntsville, Ontario 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 Town of Huntsville enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as 'The Forester' at 72 Main Street East, Huntsville, Ontario, 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 three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this 8th day of September A.D., 1984.


MAYOR


CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of September A.D., 1986.


MAYOR


CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE "A"

THE FORESTER, 72 MAIN STREET EAST, HUNTSVILLE
Plan 6 W. Pt. Lot 5
Town of Huntsville

This building is being designated for historical reasons and the original architecture of the building.

The Huntsville Forester has been a presence on Huntsville's Main Street since 1878. It was begun as the Huntsville Liberal 3 years earlier by Dr. F.L. Howland and was printed on the presses of the Bracebridge Gazette. In 1877 a printer from Whitby, F.W. Clearwater, managed to get his press over the trail from Bracebridge, and formed a partnership with Dr. Howland, and in 1878 the name was changed to The Forester. A few years later Dr. Howland withdrew from the partnership.

In the Main Street fire of 1894, the Forester Block was burned. When George Hutcheson Sr. took over the publishing of The Forester in 1899, he constructed the present building, which was completed in 1901. George Hutcheson encouraged his son-in-law, Harmon E. Rice, to come into the business. He had come from Wyoming, Ontario to Huntsville in 1895, and worked as the Huntsville correspondent for the Burk's Falls Arrow, as well as in local stores. In 1899, Harmon E. Rice became Associate Editor of the newspaper and a partner of George Hutcheson, who retired in 1912. "H.E." as he was known, became involved in every facet of Huntsville life and was known as Mr. Huntsville. In 1910, he was elected to the Town Council, and then was Mayor in 1913, 1914, 1915, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1944 and 1945.

In 1954 his son, Paul, who had been associated with his father, took over the publishing aspects of the newspaper. H.E. Rice died in 1967 at the age of 93. His grandson Peter Rice now publishes The Huntsville Forester.

The Forester building built in 1901 is an integral part of a group of turn-of-the-century commercial buildings along the north side of Main Street.

The "boomtown front" of the structure conforms to the scale and street line of the adjacent buildings.

The 19th century character of the building has been drastically changed by the addition of a layer of angelstone veneer.

The original, two storey, brick facade had a decorative brick and Italianate cornice. In the center of the elevation, on the ground and second storeys were large windows with semi-elliptical heads formed by masonry lintels. A door flanked each side of the large window on the ground floor. On the second floor, above each door was a window with a semi-circular head.

A continuous sill underlined the three windows on the second floor and continuous brick coarsing ran across the top of the windows on both the first and second floors.

The original tin ceiling, although covered by the present time by ceiling tile, exists on the first floor.

The Forester building requires extensive restoration to bring back the 19th Century architectural features.
