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CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN

E. H. HARES, A.M.C.T. (A)
CLERK,
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September 19, 1984



Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
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Dear Sir:

RE: Heritage Designation By-Laws

Enclosed please find copies of the following
Heritage Designation By-laws, which were passed by Council
on August 13th, 1984 and Registered on September 6th, 1984
in the Land Registry Office in Bracebridge.

- (1) By-Law No. 84-52 (The Hart House, 24 King St., Huntsville).
- (2) By-Law No. 84-53 (The Proudfoot House, 34 Chaffey St.,
Huntsville).
- (3) By-Law No. 84-54 (Brandt's Flower Shop-now known as
Huntsville Country Flowers,
90 Main St. East, Huntsville).

Trusting that everything is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

E. H. Hares

E. H. Hares, A.M.C.T. (A),
Clerk/Administrator of The Corporation
of the Town of Huntsville.

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Encls. 3 Heritage Designation By-Laws

*amended with
by-law 90-199
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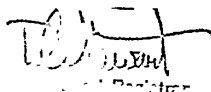
No.
History Division of Muskoka (No. 35)
I CERTIFY that this instrument is registered as of

321P AL

SEP 6 1984

In the

Land Registry
Office at
Huntsville,
Ontario



TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE
BY-LAW NUMBER 84-52



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 84-52

A By-Law to Designate the Property known Municipally as The Hart House, 24 King Street, 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 Hart House' at 24 King Street, 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 Hart House' at 24 King Street, 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 13th day of August A.D., 1984.

Gordon Snell
MAYOR

Edward H. Hares.
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 13th day of August A.D., 1984.

Gordon Snell
MAYOR

Edward H. Hares
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE "A"

THE HART HOUSE, 24 KING STREET, HUNTSVILLE
Pt. of Lot 3, Plan 1, RP 35R-7904, Pt. 1,
Town of Huntsville

This elegant Victorian house was built on a height of land bordering on the Muskoka River and overlooking the Town of Huntsville. It was built in 1894 for Dr. Jacob Wilson Hart, by William Proudfoot, a local master builder. In size, presence, and decoration, the Hart House represents the North American stately home of the period and is Huntsville's finest example. The site is integrately important to the character and significance of the house and makes this distinctive residence a most impressive contribution to the local architectural scene.

On the exterior, each facade is given a different elevation, and the roofline is composed of intersecting ridges, including a hexagonal bell shaped turret, originally polychromed with patterned tile. The building uses a great variety of materials - brick, stone, clapboard and shingles in various designs. All surfaces are broken by overhangs, bay windows, balconies, dormers, and verandahs on 3 sides with elaborate gingerbread trim. The outside of the house is vividly coloured - red with contrasting trim; the windows bright with panes of coloured glass. Over the front door the transom contains a heart design in coloured glass.

On the interior, the front staircase is beautifully crafted. The stairs widen as they curve graciously into the front hall. The handrail curves to a well-worked newel post. The double front parlour is separated by an oak trimmed arch, and French doors lead to the verandah. In the ceiling is a medallion in fern and scallop design. The fireplace in the parlour is of heavy carved cherry wood in leaf design. Pink minton tiles grace the hearth and opening of the fireplace. On the second floor, the room above the stairwell is supported by 2 long screws attached to a large attic beam.

Historically, too, this house is important. Dr. Hart was a beloved physician in Huntsville from 1886-1924. In 1901, he built an addition of 36 rooms and offices to the back of his residence, to be used as a hospital. It has large verandahs overlooking the river, to allow patients to enjoy Muskoka's fresh air. Often as many as 80 patients were cared for in the facility. In 1909, a change in government caused him to close the wing. However, after his death in 1924, his family ran it as a tourist home known as the Hart House. In 1961, this part of the establishment was torn down.

Dr. Hart came to Huntsville in 1886 after graduating in medicine from Trinity Medical College in Toronto. He immediately built the Village's first hospital - a wooden structure on Chaffey Street. He also established a branch hospital in Sudbury in 1882. He was instrumental in developing a medical plan for local citizens, whereby they paid \$5.00 a year to cover all hospital admissions.

He was active in local politics, and was reeve of the community in 1891 and 1892. He became Huntsville's first Mayor in 1901, when it was incorporated as a Town. This Office he held for 3 years. He was a staunch liberal and in 1905 he ran in a provincial by-election against Judge A.A. Mahaffy, but was defeated. Dr. Hart was involved in several aspects of the lumbering industry, being president of both the Huntsville Lumber Syndicate in 1899, and the Muskoka Wood Manufacturing Co. in 1902. He died at the peak of his career. His funeral was the largest in the Town's history.

REGISTRY ACT

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE ACT

I, JOHN ROSS BAGSHAW, of the Town of Huntsville, in the
District Municipality of Muskoka

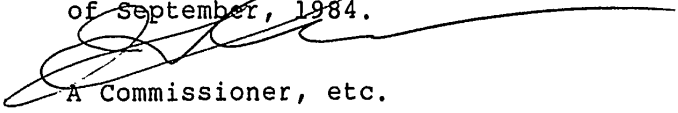
DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT

1. I am solicitor for The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville
which enacted by-law 84-52 which is attached hereto.
2. The said by-law 84-52 enacted under Section 29(6) of
the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., chapter 337 affects the following
lands:

Lands in the Town of Huntsville, in the District
Municipality of Muskoka and being composed
of Part of Lot 3 on the east side of King Street
according to Plan 1 for the Town of Huntsville, designated
as Part 1 on Plan 35R-7904.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing
it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect
as if made under oath.

DECLARED before me
at the Town of Huntsville,
in the District Municipality
of Muskoka, this 20th day
of September, 1984.


A Commissioner, etc.


John Ross Bagshaw