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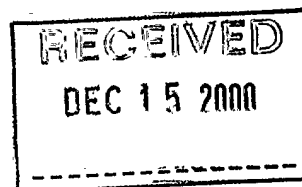


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Re: Designation of Various Properties
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the following by-laws:

- ✓ 1. By-law No. L.S.P.-3315-157, entitled "A by-law to designate 353 Richmond Street to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on September 5, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER75623 on September 13, 2000;
- ✓ 2. By-law No. L.S.P.-3316-158, entitled "A by-law to designate 55 Centre Street to be of historical and architectural and value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on September 5, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER75624 on September 13, 2000;
- ✓ 3. By-law No. L.S.P.-3318-193, entitled "A by-law to designate 513 Talbot Street to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on October 16, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER82341 on November 1, 2000;
- ✓ 4. By-law No. L.S.P.-3320-207, entitled "A by-law to designate 1 Dundas Street to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 6, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER85803 on November 27, 2000;

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- ✓ 5. By-law No. L.S.P.-3321-208 entitled "A by-law to designate 850 Highbury Avenue to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 6, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER85796 on November 27, 2000;
- ✓ 6. By-law No. L.S.P.-3322-209, entitled "A by-law to designate 398 Piccadilly Street to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 6, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER85799 on November 27, 2000;
- ✓ 7. By-law No. L.S.P.-3319-198, entitled "A by-law to designate 1040 Waterloo Street to be of historical and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on October 16, 2000 and registered as Instrument No. ER83376 on November 8, 2000.

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for Cathie L. Best
Deputy City Clerk
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Encl.

Bill No. 284
2000

By-law No. L.S.P.- 3316-158

A by-law to designate 55 Centre Street to be of historical and architectural value.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18*, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 55 Centre 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 historical and architectural value or interest, the real property at 55 Centre 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*.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on September 5, 2000.



Anne Marie DeCicco
Deputy Mayor



Cathie L. Best
Deputy City Clerk

First reading - September 5, 2000
Second reading - September 5, 2000
Third reading - September 5, 2000



**CITY OF LONDON BY-LAW
CERTIFICATION RECORD**

I, C. L. Best, Deputy City Clerk, of The Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the By-law hereunder is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3316-158 of the City of London, passed on September 5, 2000.

Dated at London, Ontario, this 11th day of December, 2000.


Signature

SCHEDULE "A"

To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3316-158

Plan 708 Part Block A, Reference Plan 33R9430 Parts 2 & 4, in the City of London, County of Middlesex.

SCHEDULE "B"

To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3316-158

Reasons for Designation 55 Centre Street (Chestnut Hill)

Historical Reasons

55 Centre Street was constructed in 1872 as a private dwelling for Andrew Weldon, a retired farmer in Westminster Township. Weldon had farmed for a number of years on Lot 51 on the West side of the North Talbot Road, Concession 1, Westminster. At mid-life he retired with his wife to this new home, which they named "Chestnut Hill". The property (then consisting of approximately 5 acres) remained in the possession of the Weldon family until after the death of Andrew in March, 1899. In 1900, the land and house were sold and the home remained in use as a private dwelling under successive owners until 1951. At that time, the dwelling was purchased by the Province of Ontario and converted for use as an office by the Ontario Provincial Police. In 1971, the building was taken over by the Department of Transportation. The Department of transportation vacated the building in 1976, and it became the headquarters for the Historical Planning and Research Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. It is presently used as the Archaeological Field Office.

Architectural Reasons

Exterior:

Built in 1872 this large two storey Italianate style house is made of white brick on a stone foundation. The front entrance has double leaf doors with a large semicircular transom above. A large two storey bay with three large windows on each floor and paired windows above the doors add variety to the facade.

Large carved stone lintels are above all front windows, and above some of the side windows seen from the street are a striking feature of the house. A wide frieze, with large paired brackets at intervals, and smaller brackets between, dominates the roofline. There are decorative cutouts in the wood between the brackets and at the lower edge. Set into the shallow hip roof is a dormer with much decorative woodwork. Two chimneys at the north and south ends are corbelled out above the foundation, but are now missing above the roof line. A porch has been removed on the east (front) elevation, and additions have been made to the south-west and west elevations.

Interior:

The front doors lead into a vestibule separated from the central hallway by a wooden screen with sidelights and transom. The most striking feature of the wide hall is a decorative plaster arch, paneled with elaborate plaster supports cast in a grape design and a keystone. Beyond is a graceful stair with a fine newel post and delicate railing which continues in the hall above. On each side, between vestibule and arch are double 6-panel pocket doors, set in archways with graceful semi-elliptical heads. Both side rooms have generous doorcase and window frame mouldings and paneling below the windows. All the principal woodwork was grained during the 1979 restoration. There are excellent cove mouldings in the hall and the two side rooms. Scratched into the glass of a window in the south room in tiny lettering is "Alice Weldon, February 24, 1883" (daughter of the original owners).