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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

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Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust, Heritage Programs and Operation ATTN: Mr. Jim Leonard 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

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Re: Notice of Amendment to Nine (9) Municipally Designated Heritage Properties

Dear Mr. Leonard,

The Town of Perth and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (MHAP) have been working to update municipal heritage designations in order to bring them into compliance with the current standards for designations of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

As the Registrar for the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Town is hereby providing you with notice of the approved nine (9) amendments (see attached) to the following properties:

- 1. 2474-1 The Hope Building, 69-71 Foster Street;
- 2. 2520-1 Roderick Matheson Building (Shaw's Of Perth), 1-3 Gore Street
- 3. 2525-1 Roderick Matheson Building (Kellock Block), 41-43 Gore Street East:
- 4. 2526-1 Roderick Matheson Building (Kellock Block), 39 Gore Street East;
- 5. 2643-1 Dr. William Grant Building, 85-87 And 89-91 Gore Street East;
- 6. 2814-1 Doran Block (Riverside Apartments), 93-99 Gore Street East
- 7. 3053-1 Charles Rice (Thomas-Wright Building), 63-65 Gore Street East
- 8. 3423-1 Francis Holliday (The Soong Building), 67-71 Gore Street East, and;
- 9. 3424-1 Perkins Motors (Perks 'N Things), 2 Wilson Street West.

The amendments clarify the Statement of Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes of said properties.

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If you have any questions please contact Karen Rennie, Heritage Manager / Curator at 613-267-1947.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

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#### BY-LAW NO. 2520-1

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2520, being a By-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of the Roderick Matheson Building (Shaw's of Perth) located at 1-3 Gore Street East

## **Recitals:**

- 1.1. Section 29 in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;
- 1.2. Council wishes to bring the designation into compliance with the current standards for designation of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the Ontario Heritage Act;
- 1.3. The Committee of the Whole reviewed Report 2012-CoW-15.UB.1 and concurs with the information presented;
- 1.4. The Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #12-120 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;
- 1.5. On September 13th, 2012 notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of the Roderick Matheson Building (Shaw's of Perth) was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;
- 1.6. The public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within thirty (30) days of the notice, to the Clerk;
- 1.7. The Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012;
- 1.8. Council for The Corporation of the Town of Perth deems it advisable to pass this By-law.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth enacts as follows:

## 1. AUTHORIZATION

1.1. That By-law No. 2520 be amended in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

Building/Property Name: Roderick Matheson Building (Shaws of Perth)

Address:

1-3 Gore St. East, 40 Foster Street

**Original Owner:** 

Roderick Matheson

Present Owner: **Date Built:** 

Shaws of Perth Ltd.

Architect/Contractor:

c. 1840 Unknown

**Original Use:** 

General Merchants and Saddle/Harness Shop Commercial - Clothing & Kitchen Wares

**Present Use: Date Designated:** 

By-law No. 2520 – 24-January-1984

**Registration:** 

Instrument #91631 – 30-January-1984

## **Reason for Designation:**

Imposing, commercial buildings on the main downtown intersection of Perth housing one of the original and continuing businesses in town. Initially, the buildings were constructed and operated by Roderick Matheson an early, significant settler of Perth and district.

#### **Cultural and Historical Value:**

A distinguished veteran of the War of 1812, Roderick Matheson took up Crown granted land in the Perth area in 1818. He purchased the subject lot from William Pitt in 1821 and established a general merchandise business in this location. The initial buildings on the site were probably frame structures including Matheson's house. In 1840, his frame house was moved to the corner of Drummond and Herriott Streets. Matheson commissioned the construction of his substantial home, now the Perth Museum, at 11 Gore St. East, and the first sections of the commercial buildings on the site. Matheson continued his interest in and ownership of the complex until his death in 1873. Colonel, the Honorable Roderick Matheson, was clearly a most significant citizen of early Perth with involvement in the commerce, politics and military life of the area.

In 1859, Matheson's second daughter, Flora, married Henry Dowsley Shaw. Shaw then took over the operation of the store and subsequently formed a partnership with Charles, the third son of Roderick Matheson, to run the business until 1893. At that point, Shaw's son, Henry Montague, purchased the business and eventually bought the property from the Matheson estate in 1920. Succeeding family members continued the business until 1977 when a small group of local businessmen took ownership and continue to operate under the name of Shaws of Perth.

Both the main building and adjacent coach house have housed numerous other tenants including the Perth Expositor from 1861 to 1896. Currently, the coach house is a commercial property.

## **Architectural Value:**

Located on the south-east corner of Gore and Foster Streets, the main building is an L-shaped, 2 ½ storey, commercial Georgian-inspired structure mainly in cut sandstone with a later, 2 bay extension to the south in yellow brick faced in sandstone on its Gore St. facade. Gabled at both south and east ends, the roof is hipped on the north-west corner and pierced by several chimneys in stone and brick. On the Foster St. frontage the main building is connected by a squared-off arched carriage way to a 1 ½ storey rubble stone building at 40 Foster St. said to be the original coach house and stables for the building complex including the Matheson residence. Given the nature of its construction, it is possible that this annex pre-dates the main building.

## **Heritage Attributes:**

Shaws of Perth is an imposing, but simply designed, stone and brick structure and an essential element of the main, downtown intersection of Perth. Major components meriting conservation are as follows:

- the inset, main entrances on Gore St.
- A the fenestration of the original second storey on Gore St. including the large, plain hammered stone lintels and lug sills and the 2 on 2, divided light, wood frame windows.
- ▲ The fenestration of the second storey of the south extension including the flat arch lintels and matching 2 on 2 window sash.
- The fenestration of the main building Foster St. facade including the repeated stone lintels and lug sills and the 2 on 2 wood frame windows on the second floor and corresponding clear, show windows on the first floor.
- The rubble stone, 1 ½ storey extension on the east end of the main building.

The massing and rubble stone facades of the coach house including the fenestration; particularly the 3 on 3 upper, wood frame windows, sash and vertical stone, flat arch lintels on the north face and the large, semi-circular arched, cut stone doorway of the inset south extension of the building.

**Legal Description:** 

PLAN 8828, PT LT 3 S/S FOSTER ST. PLAN 8828, LANARK S DRUMMOND AS IN RS64441 EXCEPT PARTS 1,2,3,4 & 5, 27R5665, S/T RS64441; PERTH (PIN 05176-0029)

## References:

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- ▲ Belliveau, Steven; Algonquin College Report # 92-6; 1992

## 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

2.1. That this By-law shall come into force and effect upon passage thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of November, 2012.

John Fenik, Mayor

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John deRosenroll, Deputy Clerk