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City of Belleville

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

April 12, 1989

169 FRONT STREET
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO
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Mr. John White, Chairman
The Ontario Heritage Foundation
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77 Bloor Street West
TORONTO, Ontario
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Dear Mr. White

RE: Designation of Municipal No.
197 Charles Street, Belleville

Further to my letter of February 15, 1989, which was Notice of Intent, I am pleased to advise that By-Law Number 12643 has been passed designating the subject property to be of historic or architectural value or interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980. By-Law Number 12643 was registered as Instrument No. 411997 on April 7, 1989.

Attached hereto is a copy of By-Law Number 12643 for your files. The necessary notice of the passing of this by-law appeared in the local press on March 25, 1989.

Yours truly

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ATTACH.

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
CITY CLERK

c.c. Chief Administrative Officer
City Engineer
Director, Heritage Belleville

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 12643

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST (MUNICIPAL NO. 197 CHARLES STREET)

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980 provides that where the Council of a municipality has given notice of its intention to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest and, where objections to said notice of designation are duly received and duly processed through the Conservation Review Board, the Council shall pass a By-Law designating the property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS all statutory requirements for giving notice of Council's intention to pass a By-Law designating the property herein described to be of historic or architectural value have been complied with;

AND WHEREAS no objections to said notice of designation were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

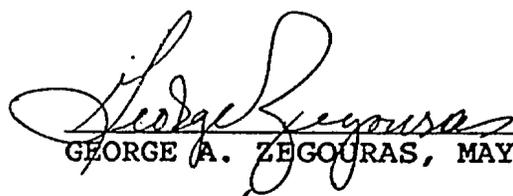
1. THAT the building located at Municipal No. 197 Charles Street, which parcel of land is more particularly described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto, be and the same is designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, for the reasons stated in SCHEDULE "B" attached hereto as provided for in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.
2. THAT nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to designate any of the lands described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural interest, as provided in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

THIS BY-LAW SHALL COME INTO FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON AND AFTER THE PASSING THEREOF.

Read a first time this 20th day of March, 1989.

Read a second time this 20th day of March, 1989

Read a third time and finally passed this 20th day of March, 1989.


GEORGE A. ZEGOURAS, MAYOR


WILLIAM C. MORETON, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

12643

197 CHARLES STREET

Part of Lot 41, Plan No. 85, City of Belleville, County of
Hastings.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

12643

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

197 CHARLES STREET

John Lewis, hardware merchant, built this home between 1872 and 1873. He had a hardware store on the east side of Front Street which opened in 1849. Mr. Lewis expanded his business to include a Spring Factory in 1868. He also had a steam saw mill on the Front of Sidney.

This red brick home is a combination of Victorian - Queen Anne and Second Empire style. It has a cross-gabled roof (mansard and pitched) and a tower nestled in the L.

The original facade has a closed-in porch with ornate brackets and wood trim on the pediment. On the north side of the closed-in porch was an open porch with square, paired columns, elaborate cornice and decorative balustrade. There were two tall chimneys on the south side which gave balance to the design of the home. The facade has been modified over the years and now features an open central porch with similar square columns supporting a more tailored pediment. The chimneys have been reduced to half their original size. The original slate roof is still intact.

There is a brick string-course between stories and the house is trimmed with a decorative wooden cornice which matches the cornice on the bay windows. The second storey round-headed windows are topped with prominent keystones similar to those in the tower. The tower also has a decorative wrought iron balustrade.

There was a two storey brick carriage house facing Bridge Street which has since become a store.

This beautiful home is situated among others of the same era and it contributes to the history and dignity of the neighbourhood.