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The Corporation of the Town of
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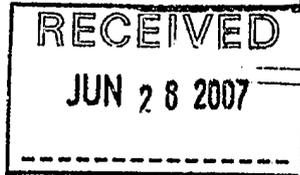
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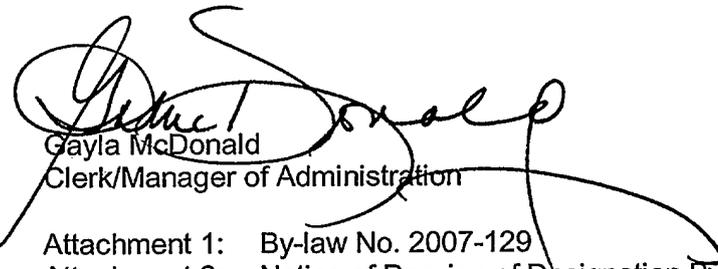
Dear Ms. Axford:

The Council of the Town of New Tecumseth, at its meeting on June 11, 2007, passed By-law No. 2007-129, a by-law to designate the Alliston Monuments Works, 51 Victoria Street East, Alliston, as being of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, 2005*. In accordance with Section 29 s. (3), a copy of the by-law, together with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes is required to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust. Furthermore, notice is to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

The reason for the designation of the building is to preserve its heritage value under Ontario Regulation 9/06 as being rare, unique, representative and an early example of a style, type, expression, material and construction method. The building is a fine example of a small commercial building in almost original condition and has housed the longest continuous business in New Tecumseth.

Please find attached By-law No. 2007-129 and please contact the Clerks Department if you require further information.

Sincerely,


Gayla McDonald
Clerk/Manager of Administration

- Attachment 1: By-law No. 2007-129
- Attachment 2: Notice of Passing of Designation By-law – Alliston Herald, June 23, 2007



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
NEW TECUMSETH

BY-LAW

Number 2007-129

"ALLISTON MONUMENT WORKS DESIGNATION BY-LAW"

A by-law to designate the property at 51 Victoria Street East in the community of Alliston as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 51 Victoria Street East, community of Alliston, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 51 Victoria Street East in the community of Alliston and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law;

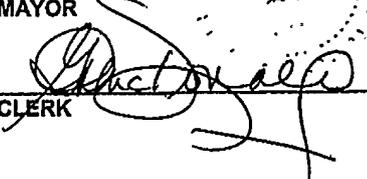
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the property at 51 Victoria Street East in the community of Alliston, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the Town Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. That the Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 51 Victoria Street East in the community of Alliston and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of New Tecumseth as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2007.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

THE ALLISTON MONUMENT WORKS

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

**51 VICTORIA STREET EAST
ALLISTON**

In 1896 a marble cutter named Joseph Perrott came to Alliston with his family. He took over the Simcoe Marble Works, located at 135 Victoria Street West, from J.J. Hobson. He renamed the business the Alliston Marble and Granite Works and continued at that location for several years. In 1901 he purchased the vacant lot on the southeast corner of Centre and Victoria Streets, and built the Alliston Monument Works Building which stands there today.

Joseph Perrott operated this business until 1927, when he retired and turned it over to his apprentice, Wilmot D. Thompson. Mr. Thompson owned the business until his death in 1993, at age 91. His niece, Carolyn Knowles, was fortunate to find a buyer sensitive to the history contained within the walls of the monument works. Smith Monuments had been supplying granite to Mr. Thompson for many years, and Mr. Smith's grandson, Doug King, remembered going there with his grandfather. Although engraving was no longer done on the site, orders were still taken there. Engraving tools and equipment used by Joseph Perrott and Wilmot Thompson surrounded the small office space. The interior and exterior of the building have remained relatively unchanged.

The plain, solid brick one-story building has a typical storefront façade with a parapet terminating in a flat roofline. The window sash and door case have many elements that are either original or have been carefully replicated. Much of the interior trim is original.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

In their report to Council entitled "Façade Improvement Guidelines for Commercial Core Areas of Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham", heritage planning consultant Paul Dilse and architect Peter Stewart consider the Monument Works a noteworthy building. Along with the adjacent historic United Church, it anchors the eastern end of the historic commercial section of Victoria Street. (p. 14) Further east begins a row of historic residential properties, interrupted occasionally by vacant lots and replacement buildings of more recent construction.

The monument works is a fine example of a small commercial building in almost original condition. It has also housed the longest continuous business in New Tecumseth.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Removing the Monument Works building would alter the character of the commercial downtown core, and destroy a landmark building. It is visually and thematically linked to the United Church across the Street, and together they define the character of the block. The architectural style is unique in our Town, as no other small commercial buildings from this era have survived.

Lory Whitemore
Researcher
Heritage New Tecumseth
15 January 2007

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BY-LAW No. 2007-129

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of New Tecumseth, in the County of Simcoe and being Lot 17, Plan 205, South Side of Victoria Street, Town of New Tecumseth (formerly Town of Alliston) and municipally known as 51 Victoria Street East.