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Mr. John White
Chairman
The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. White:

Re: Municipal Number 240 William Street
- Designation Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Further to my letter of October 10, 1991, which was Notice of Intent, I am pleased to advise that By-Law Number 13192 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 13192 was registered as Instrument Number 463904 on November 22, 1991.

Attached hereto is a copy of By-Law Number 13192 for your files. The necessary notice of the passing of this by-law is now appearing in the local press.

Yours truly,

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk

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City Engineer
Secretary, Heritage Belleville

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 13192

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST (MUNICIPAL NO. 240 WILLIAM 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 or interest 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 property located at Municipal No. 240 William 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 18th day of November, 1991.

Read a second time this 18th day of November, 1991.

Read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of November, 1991.

GEORGE A. ZEGOURAS, MAYOR

WILLIAM C. MORETON, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

13192

240 WILLIAM STREET

All of Lot 20, West of William Street, Registered Plan 1, City
of Belleville, County of Hastings.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

13192

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

240 WILLIAM STREET

HISTORY

This area was part of the old Taylor farm, given by Crown patent to John Taylor in 1804. It was inherited by George and John Taylor who subdivided it between them. This lot belonged to George Taylor, who in the 1850's sold 82 1/2 feet of Lot 20 to James Spence and William Spence. Beginning in 1863 Jane Copeland obtained through Quit Claim agreements, and a later purchase from William Spence in 1869, all of Lot 20. In her will of June 4, 1872, Jane Copeland bequeathed all her estate to her daughter Annie Copeland. She sold it shortly after to Michael McMahon, including the south half of Lot 21, for \$1000.00.

Two years later in 1874, McMahon sold the property to Catherine Jones, wife of William C. Jones, carriagemaker, for \$868.00, a loss for McMahon.

The Assessment Roll for Lot 20 on the west side of William Street indicates that the value of the Lot in 1873 is \$350.00, in 1874 "vacant lot" - no change, - in 1875 as \$600.00, and in 1876 as \$2,300.00. Thus the building was commenced in 1875 and completed in 1876. A Mechanic's Lien at the end of 1875 was brought against W. C. Jones and his wife by carpenter William Shelley. This document lists as contractor, one Edward Laing.

The property was "sold" by Catherine Jones in 1906 to her husband for "\$1.00 and natural love and affection". By the following March, W. C. Jones, widower, sold the north part of Lot 20 and the south part of Lot 21 to Henry Lee of St. Thomas, Ontario.

In 1914 William Jones bequeathed the south part of Lot 20, 70 feet, which included the house, to his niece Fanny Lee who became his housekeeper when his wife died.



The five Goad Insurance Plans available locally through the Hastings County Historical Society collection and the Belleville Public Library cover a period from 1878-83 to 1942.

The projecting porch over the east entrance is shown on the first plan of 1878-83, as is a verandah on the south side across the rear kitchen tail. These two features are indicated on the next three maps, 1888-1900, 1904-1908, and 1915-1926. In the 1942 book, no buildings show any projections such as bay windows, porches or verandahs. In the 1915-26 plan the south side verandahs project all across the south side of the house. Thus we are unable to tell from the Insurance plans just when the south side verandahs were removed. But the original front porch still exists, though minus its exterior door.

These porches were a common feature of the last quarter of the 19th Century in Belleville. Variations of the attractive round headed glazing on the walls and transom seen at 240 William Street can be found on the older streets of both east and west hills in Belleville.

This building had long been a family home in a neighborhood of family homes, until it was sold in 1972 to the United Community Services.

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REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

240 WILLIAM STREET

HISTORY CONTINUED

Although the interior has necessarily been altered to suit the needs of the United Community Services, the building nevertheless represents a useful conversion of a family home to a community facility, while still preserving the integrity of its exterior architecture and neighborhood site.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

240 William Street, built in 1875, is a rather plain T-shaped brick building with three bay windows on the main floor which lends to it some character. Of special interest is the handsome enclosed winter or storm porch with its long narrow rounded windows which help to enhance the tone of the other plainer windows and the house as a whole.