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July 18th, 1988.

Ms. Lois Chipper,
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Ministry of Culture & Communications
Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor St.W.
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Dear Ms. Chipper: Re: Designation of 38 Main St.S.
 Uxbridge under the Ontario Heritage
 Act, "Dr. Mellow House", Our File:
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Please find enclosed one copy of By-law 88-73. The Township
Solicitor will be registering this By-law with reasons for
designation against your property in the Land Registry Office
in Whitby.

Yours truly,

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

B. Redding
W.E. Taylor, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.
Clerk.

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OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE DR. BASCOM-DR. MELLOW HOUSE AND PROPERTY AT 38 MAIN STREET SOUTH, TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE, REGION OF DURHAM (FORMERLY IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, COUNTY OF ONTARIO), AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Dr. Bascom-Dr. Mellow House and property, 38 Main Street South, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham (formerly in the Town of Uxbridge, County of Ontario) and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

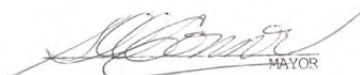
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the former Dr. Bascom-Dr. Mellow building and property, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, (formerly in the Town of Uxbridge in the County of Ontario), more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto, and the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 11th day of July, 1988.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. 88-73

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Uxbridge, in the Regional Municipality of Durham (formerly in the Town of Uxbridge in the County of Ontario) and being composed of Part Lots 1 and 2 of Block 000 according to Bascom's Plan of the former Town of Uxbridge.

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. 88-73

Reasons for Designation: the Dr. Bascom-Dr. Mellow house, 38 Main St.S.

This house has been an landmark in the village of Uxbridge since it was built in 1863 by Dr. Joseph Bascom. The house was originally a one-and-a-half storey clapboard structure. Sometime between 1863 and 1886, a second storey was added and a doctor's office was built onto the north end of the house. As of 1980 when research was conducted on the house, it had been owned by only two families, the Bascoms and the Mellows; this continuity has allowed the structure to retain its architectural integrity. The house is still covered in clapboard and retains its gingerbread and stained-glass trim. A porch of a more recent vintage has replaced the original portico, but the porch's style is in keeping with the lines of the house. Interior features in the house include paint-graining and marbling on much of the woodwork, and old "accordion-style" lathing in the original portion of the house. The alterations which have been done to the house over the years reflect the typical evolution of a rural central Ontario family dwelling in the second half of the nineteenth century: the growth from 1 1/2 to 2 stories, the addition of gingerbread trim, and the replacement of the original portico and steps by a porch. The building is thus typical in many ways of the area and period, but is also distinguished by its inhabitants, having been a doctor's residence from 1863 until well into this century. Dr. Joseph Bascom was born in Uxbridge in 1838, attended the first public school in Uxbridge, and graduated from medical school in 1861. His nephew, Dr. Horace Bascom, took over the practice about 1892; when he became County Sheriff about 1912, Dr. Mellow entered the practise and occupied the house. Many older residents of Uxbridge remember being treated by Dr. Horace Bascom or by Dr. Mellow. Sometime between 1863 and 1886 an addition was made to the north end of the house for a doctor's office; this later structure and the stained glass "Dr. Mellow" window still exist.

Since Joseph Bascom was an amateur photographer, a number of historic photographs exist which show the house in both pre- and post-addition forms. Copies of these photos are held by the Uxbridge-Scott Museum, and are used to study the changing character of old Uxbridge village. These photos, and the Bascom-Mellow house in them, are important tools for understanding part of Uxbridge's history. The earliest photo shows residential and industrial buildings in the background which disappeared by the turn of the century, as well as a gracious picket fence in front of the house separating the yard from a boardwalk. Later photos show the addition and second-storey gable, the new trim, and the old portico; a photo taken in May 1972, when the house was named Centennial Home, shows the new porch.

The house's several and typical architectural styles, its history of use as a physician's residence and office, and the excellent documentation available on the house combine to make it a significant feature of Uxbridge's heritage.