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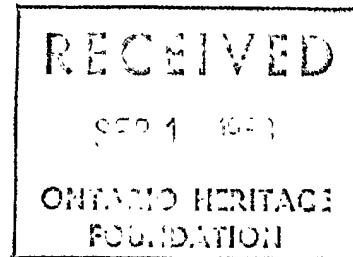
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

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August 19th, 1988

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Toronto, Ont.  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: Designation of Municipal Properties in Prescott**

Pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed is a certified copy of By-laws No. 35-88 and 36-88 of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott.

By-Law No. 35-88 designates the Fort Wellington Hospital at 302 East Street and By-law No. 36-88 designates the Frederick Belfoy House at 393 George Street.

Yours very truly,

Arie Hoogenboom, C.M.O.  
Clerk Administrator

AH/dd

Encls.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BY-LAW NO.35 -88

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS FORT WELLINGTON HOSPITAL, 302 EAST STREET AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980 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 Town of Prescott has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as:

Fort Wellington Hospital  
302 East Street, Prescott

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 a 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;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Fort Wellington Hospital, 302 East Street, Prescott more particularly described as Lot 200, East side of East Street, Block 1, Plan 19, Town of Prescott, County of Grenville.
- 2) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Schedule "A" to be registered against the property described above in the Local Land Registry Office.
- 3) That 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 this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Prescott.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 1988.

*Sandra S. Lewin*

MAYOR

*Paul Ferguson*

CLERK

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 1988.

*Sandra S. Lewin*

MAYOR

*Paul Ferguson*

CLERK

I certify this to be  
an exact and true copy

*Paul Ferguson*  
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Clerk  
Town of Prescott

DESIGNATION REPORT of Prescott  
Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

Building: FORT WELLINGTON HOSPITAL

Location: 302 EAST STREET  
Town of Prescott Lot 200, Block 1, Plan 19  
east side of East Street opposite the eastern end of Henry Street

Prepared by : Jim Peets

Date of Report: June 20, 1988, .

A. REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the exterior of the Fort Wellington Hospital building be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act for the following reasons.

The 2 storey frame structure, built circa 1823, served two functions associated with Fort Wellington. Originally, it was used as a commissariat for the Fort Wellington Garrison and between 1840 and 1854 the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment used the building as a military hospital. (1)

The building complements the Stockade Barracks, a designated building just north at 356 East Street, as an important link with the military history and medical activities of Prescott and Fort Wellington.

B. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The earliest evidence dating the building is a Plan of Prescott dated 1823 (2) which shows the building in the northwest corner of Lot 17. A note on the map reads: "this lot has been leased". Correspondence in the same year from James Frost, Town Major, Fort Wellington to Lieutenant Col. Durnford, Commanding Royal Engineers, Quebec notes "that the Commissariat House stands at the Upper End of Henry Street..." (3) The building is not shown on a plan dated 1816. (4)

Following its use as a commissariat, and after the battle of the windmill in 1838, the building was renovated for use as a hospital. Plans and estimates for the repair of the building, prepared in 1840, show that the hospital would accommodate a total of 16 patients in 3 rooms. (5) A detailed register for the hospital shows the names, rank, age and date of admission of patients. Symptoms and treatment were regularly recorded in the register for approximately 400 cases between 1840 and 1845. (6)

"The hospital remained in active use throughout the occupancy period of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment and then became a residence for some of the enrolled pensioners who replaced them in 1854." (7)

In 1860, the patent for the property was granted to Thomas Robinson.

C. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This vernacular two-storey frame structure, with gable ends facing east and west, rests on a stone foundation. A lower profile gable forms the north wall of a single-storey, early addition to the building. The building with much of

the original floor plan unchanged from that shown on the 1840 plan (5), measures approximately 40' by 32'. Many interior walls, particularly those on the perimeter, are of original plaster construction. Some interior walls have been added on both floors to create smaller rooms and storage and bathroom space. The central hall and rear shed or store room are still evident.

Many of the exterior walls which would have been clapboard have been shingled and the exterior of many original 6 over 6 sash-windows are covered by aluminum storm windows. A circa 1920 oblique aerial photograph (8) shows a porch structure, which has since been removed, running along the entire south side of the house. The room labelled as the kitchen on the 1840 plan is now an unheated work and storage area which has a garage door access from East Street. A circa 1940 photo (9) shows a single window in this location while the 1840 plan (5) shows two windows here. The north wall of this part of the house appears to have original clapboard siding and windows, although the windows do not appear in this location on the 1840 plan. (5) The roof over the addition is covered in asphalt shingle and the main part of the house is protected by a steel roof.

This building's conventional appearance and use as a family home today disguise its important historic associations with Fort Wellington.

#### D. BIBLIOGRAPHY

(1) Fort Wellington Hospital 1840-1854. Historical plaque, 302 East Street, Prescott. Sponsored in 1987 by The Grenville County Historical Society, Prescott

(2) Plan of Prescott showing the present boundary of government property, dated September, 1823. Photocopy made by The Grenville County Historical Society, Homewood Museum.

(3) notes of part of correspondence (C416) from James Frost, Town Major, Fort Wellington to Lieutenant Col. Durnford, Commanding Royal Engineers, Quebec, dated 1 May 1823. From The Grenville County Historical Society file: Hospital Fort Wellington 1840s.

(4) Sketch of part of the Town of Prescott March 14, 1816. Photocopy made by The Grenville County Historical Society, Homewood Museum.

(5) Plan accompanying Report and Estimate of the Probable Expense of Fitting up a Building as a Hospital at Prescott, 25 June 1841. Public Archives of Canada W. O. 55/1917

(6) Hospital Register Fort Wellington National Historic Park Prescott, Ontario. Hand written introduction by Paul Fortier, Military Curator, Environment Canada, Parks. Cornwall, Ontario. 1987.

(7) Militia and RCRR Hospital Fort Wellington, Prescott. Section from and unpublished manuscript. Bob Burns, Parks Canada, Cornwall. c1981.

(8) Aerial View, Prescott, Ontario c1920. Public Archives of Canada, PA 30674.

(9) Photograph showing 302 East Street from the west side. c1940. From The Grenville County Historical Society file: Hospital Fort Wellington 1840s.