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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

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TEL.: (613) 925-2812

December 3, 1985

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor St. W.
TORONTO, Ontario
M7A 2R9

Dear Sir:

Re: DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES IN PRESCOTT

Pursuant to Section 29 (6) of the Ontario Heritage Act,
enclosed are certified copies of By-Laws 50-85 to 54-85 of the
Corporation of the Town of Prescott.

These By-Laws designate five properties as being of architectural
and historical value or interest.

Yours very truly,

Arie Hoogenboom, A.M.C.T.
Clerk Co-Ordinator

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BY-LAW NO. 54-85

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
THE GLASGOW/SMYTH BUILDING
251 WATER STREET, PRESCOTT
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 The Glasgow/Smyth Building 251 Water 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 The Glasgow/Smyth Building, 251 Water Street, Prescott more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Appendix A to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto 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 2nd day of December, 1985.

Sanidia S. Law

MAYOR

Paul Hogan

CLERK

Read a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of December, 1985.

Sanidia S. Law

MAYOR

Paul Hogan

CLERK

I certify this to be an exact and true copy

Paul Hogan
Clerk
Town of Prescott

COMMENCING at the northwest angle of Lot Sixteen thence southerly along the western limit of Lot Sixteen a distance of eighty-eight feet, six and three-quarters inches (88' 6 ⁻³/₄") more or less, to a point, said point being the point of commencement;

THENCE easterly and parallel to the southern limits of King Street a distance of thirty-six feet, six and one-half inches (36' 6 ¹/₂") to a point;

THENCE south 33 degrees 16 minutes west ten feet, nine and one-half inches (10' 9 ¹/₂") to a point;

THENCE westerly and parallel to the southern limit of King Street a distance of thirty-six feet (36') more or less to a point in the western limit of Lot Sixteen;

THENCE northerly to the western limit of Lot Sixteen, a distance of ten feet (10') more or less to the point of commencement.

AND FURTHERMORE TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a right-of-way at all times in common with others entitled thereto, over, along and upon all those portions of the following:

COMMENCING at a point in the southerly limit of said Lot No. 16 distant westerly thereon 39' 8.25" from the southeasterly angle of said Lot No. 16;

THENCE westerly along the southerly limit of said Lot No. 16 a distance of 4.5 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE north 36 degrees 32 minutes west a distance of 33' 1.5" more or less to a point;

THENCE easterly and parallel to the southerly limit of said Lot No. 16, a distance of 9 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE south 36 degrees 32 minutes east, a distance of 33' 1.5" more or less to a point in the southerly limit of said Lot No. 16;

THENCE westerly along the southerly limit of said Lot No. 16 a distance of 4.5 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

THE PARCEL above described is outlined in red, the Firstly described right-of-way is outlined in green, and the secondly described right-of-way is outlined in yellow on the sketch attached hereto.

AND BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 75970.

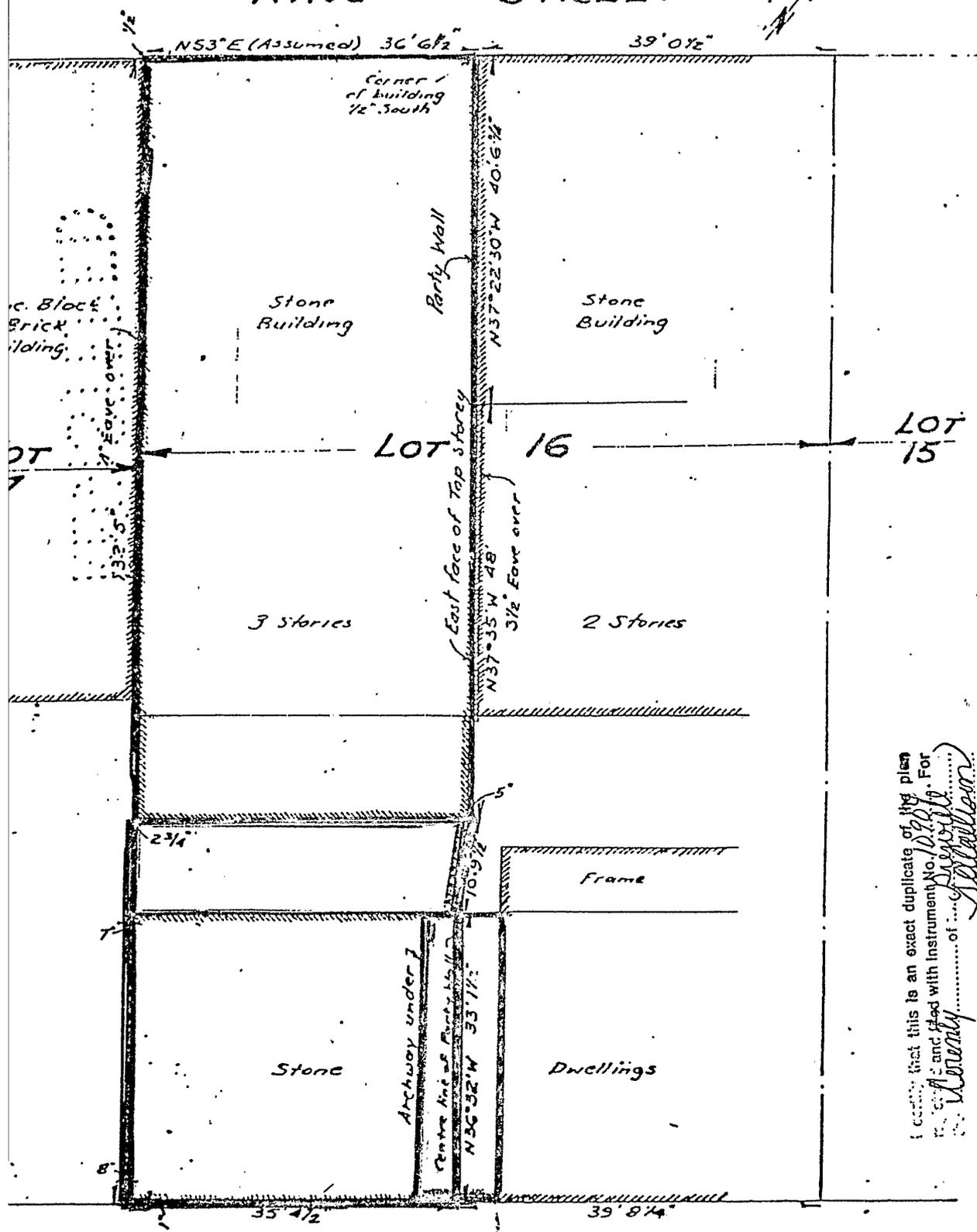
PLAN SHEWING

PART LOT 16, S.S. KING ST. BLOCK 2

PRESCOTT

SCALE: 1" = 15'

KING STREET



I certify that this is an exact duplicate of the plan
 as shown and filed with Instrument No. 10297. For
 the County of ... of ...
William

WATER STREET

R.F. Mucklestone, O.L.S.
 51 King St. E., Brockville
 November 25th, 1903

R.F. Mucklestone

DESIGNATION REPORT OF THE LACAC OF PRESCOTT

BUILDING: The Glasgow/Smyth Building.

LOCATION: 251 Water Street.
Town Lot #16 on the north side of Water Street.

DATE OF REPORT: October 1, 1985.

A. REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the Glasgow/Smyth Building be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 for the following reasons:

1. This stone building was one of the many inns on Water Street in the days of the forwarding trade. It is the only one to survive into the 1980's.
2. It possesses the only remaining stone arched carriageway in Prescott.

B. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The exact date for the erection of this building is difficult to determine. It could have been built as early as 1817 since William Murphy bought the property in that year for £25 and sold it later in the same year for £200.¹ One would suspect that a substantial stone structure with two wings and an arched carriageway could well account for the eight-fold increase in property value. On the other hand the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives the date for the construction of the building as 1840-42.²

No confirmation of its use as an inn could be obtained from the surviving copies of early Prescott newspapers. The first record of an inn on the premises dates from the earliest municipal tax records in 1856. These indicate that in that year John Gibson was operating³ an inn in the part of the Water Street building that he rented from Samuel Glasgow. By that time the building had been split between two owners. Glasgow acquired the west wing of the building in 1843 and Alexander Smyth⁴ the east wing in 1844, both men dealing with the previous owner, Ebenezer Bacon. Both Glasgow and Smyth chose to operate their own businesses from premises on the King Street side of their property and to lease out the buildings on Water Street.⁵ This seems to indicate the growing importance of King Street and the decline of Water Street with the passing of the forwarding trade. By 1856 John Gibson's inn may not have been a very flourishing one.

1. Grenville County Registry Office abstracts.
2. Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings.
3. Assessment Roll for the South Ward of Prescott, 1856, found in the Municipal Building, Prescott.
4. Grenville County Registry Office abstracts.
5. Assessment Roll for the South Ward of Prescott, 1856.