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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

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September 4, 1986

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor St. W.
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 are certified copies of By-Laws No. 45-86 and 46-86 of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott.

By-Law 45-86 designates the Portre-Purkis House, 256 James St. W., while By-Law 46-86 designates the Ebenezer Bacon House at 385 Park St. West.

Yours very truly

Arie Hoogenboom, A.M.C.T.
Clerk Administrator
AH/mp
Encls.



I certify this to be
an exact and true copy

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BY-LAW NO. 46-86

[Signature]
Clerk
Town of Prescott

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
THE EBENEZER BACON HOUSE
385 PARK STREET WEST
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 Ebenezer Bacon House
385 Park Street West, 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 Ebenezer Bacon House, 385 Park Street West, 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 SEPTEMBER 1986.

[Signature]
MAYOR

[Signature]
CLERK

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1986.

[Signature]
MAYOR

[Signature]
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 46-86

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Prescott, in the County of Grenville and being composed of part of Lot TWENTY-THREE (23) on the south side of Park Street in Block Two (2) according to Chipman's Plan No. 19 of the said Town of Prescott, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the north west angle of said Lot TWENTY-THREE (23);

THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of West Street to a point therein distant northerly thereon one hundred and fifty-three feet, eight inches (153'8") from the south western angle of Lot TWENTY-THREE (23) on the north side of James Street;

THENCE easterly parallel to the northerly limit of said lot, TWENTY-THREE (23) on the south side of Park Street to its intersection with the easterly limit of said lot;

THENCE northerly along the last mentioned limit to the north eastern angle of said Lot TWENTY-THREE (23) on the south side of Park Street;

THENCE westerly along the southerly limit of Park Street, ninety-five feet, eight inches (95'8") more or less to the place of beginning.

DESIGNATION REPORT OF PRESCOTT LACAC

Building - The Ebenezer Bacon House

Location - 385 Park Street.
Town Lot No. 23 on the south-east corner of West and
Park Streets.

Prepared by - T.-L. Craig

A. Reasons for Designation

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the Ebenezer Bacon house be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (1974) for the following historical and architectural reasons:

1. The house was built by a Mr. Ebenezer Bacon¹, a tanner.
2. The house is a good example of Italianate and Gothic styles of architecture that were popular during that time period.

B. Historical Background

It is not possible to state the exact date when this house was built. According to the records on file in the Grenville County Registry Office, Mr. Ebenezer Bacon, a tanner, purchased the land in 1856 for ten pounds. Mr. Bacon died on or about 24 December 1874 and the property passed to Mr. William Dunn, Mayor of Prescott in 1875² and Patrick McCrea, probably a lawyer, who acted as trustees pending its sale. On 19 February 1875 the property was sold to Mr. Edward Smith for \$3000.³ Based on the considerable increase in value between 1856 (date of land purchase) and 1875 (date of sale) it is reasonable to conclude a house was built on the land during this period. Furthermore a picture of the home was included in the Prescott Illustrated dated 1878 as the residence of Mr. Edward Smith⁴ (Exhibit 1).

C. Architectural Description

The Ebenezer Bacon house appears to be a mix between Italianate Architecture (1845-1870) and Gothic Revival (1835-1890). It is comprised of two adjoining rectangular two-story sections, one being set back from the other. Based on the exterior structural design (brick work, chimneys, roof design, etc.) it would appear that both sections were built at approximately the same time.

The entire exterior is built of red brick with imitation stone over the basement part of the structure. It has a gently sloping roof with a wide overhang. Thirty pairs of decorative wooden console brackets surround the home under the eaves. The windows are rectangular in shape, are double hung, and have twelve panels of glass to each window. The overhead mantels are of stone.

Designation Report of Prescott LACAC

The Ebenezer Bacon House

The front porch is rectangular in shape and is very attractive. Twenty decorative brackets surround the porch roof line. The door opening is rectangular with narrow glass panels on both sides and along the top.

There are two rectangular towers on the roof. One has twelve Gothic-style arched windows which probably afforded an excellent view of the town and river at the time the house was built. The second tower has louvers on all four sides and was most likely used for ventilation purposes.

The porch, roof design and towers all blend in well with the overall exterior house design, resulting in a gracious and imposing structure.

1. Listed in rolls on file in the Town of Prescott for 1856 as a Tanner (Age 46).
2. William Dunn served as mayor of Prescott in 1875, 1879 and 1880. J.A.Morris - History of Prescott. P. 209.
3. Grenville County Registry Records.
4. J. A. Morris - History of Prescott. P. 83.