



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND
PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

JAN 31 2005
RECEIVED
CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

JAN 21 2005

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne has passed by-law number 4596/126/04 to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

**14 Catharine Street
Wildwood**

REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION

In 1867, a two-storey brick house was built on this property by William Arnott, a contractor. In 1886, Alice Dickinson acquired the house, which perched on a bluff overlooking Lake Erie, for retirement purposes with her husband, Joseph Jessop. The Dickinsons expanded the house substantially and named it "Wildwood" and resided here until Joseph Dickinson's death in 1937.

The Dickinsons at one time owned most of the surrounding lakefront property but sold a large part of it to International Nickel Company in the early 20th century for construction of management housing.

This "house within a house" exhibits the eclectic styling of the Victorian era. Its bay and oriel windows, tower, decorative mouldings and "art nouveau" stained glass windows are characteristic of the late 19th century Queen Anne style while the porches and a later addition, are reminiscent of the Greek Revival mansions of the American south. Inside the house the original woodwork, a solid black walnut winding staircase and two fireplaces including a ground floor fireplace with hardwood surround, English ceramic tile and patterned bronze firebox, add to the grandeur of the house. Two cast iron lions imported by the Dickinsons from the United States, guard the entrance and sidewalk that leads to concrete and stone steps descending to the street. These steps are reminders of the "horse and buggy" transport when passengers would avoid muddy streets by stepping from a carriage directly to an elevated limestone stepping stone.

Garden plants from the Dickinson's era still flourish on the property. Blue cillas (often found around Victorian houses) cover the north lawn in spring and a climbing single rose grows beside the south porch. The woodlot to the west of the house still contains mature trees from the Dickinson's era, including a sixty-foot tall "Little Leaf Linden" and is a registered archaeological site containing a mound believed to be a burial site for Neutral Indians (c. 1500 B.C. to 1600 A.D.).

Dated at the City of Port Colborne this 18th day of January, 2005

Steven Rivers, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning and Development Services

Jan 31/05
RA

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

BY-LAW NO. 4595/126/04

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PART OF THE
PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
14 CATHARINE STREET
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE
OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne has previously enacted By-Law No. 1758/23/86, "A By-law to Designate a Part of the Property Known as 14 Catharine Street as Being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest" on February 24, 1986,

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne is desirous of amending the said By-law No. 1758/23/86 to provide for a Schedule "C" to describe in greater detail the elements of the property designated by the said by-law,

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne is desirous of expanding on the "reasons for designation" as set out in the Record of Designation" dated April 9, 1986 for 14 Catharine Street,

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 14 Catharine Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to amend the designation of the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

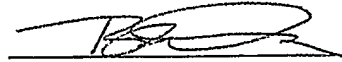
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY
OF PORT COLBORNE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

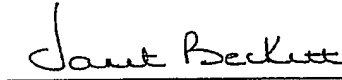
1. That the Council of The City of Port Colborne confirms the designation as being of architectural and historical value of interest of the real property at 14 Catharine Street, Port Colborne, more particularly described in Schedule "A" and shown on Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. That By-law 1758/23/86 being "A by-law to Designate a Part of the Property Known Municipally as 14 Catharine Street as Being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest" enacted on February 24, 1986 be amended by adding thereto Schedule "C", "Elements of property designated by this by-law Wildwood, 14 Catharine Street, Port Colborne" and Schedule "D", "The reasons for Designation" attached hereto.
3. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this Bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A", attached hereto in the proper land registry office.

4. 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 passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL
THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2004.




Ron Bodner
MAYOR



Janet Beckett
CITY CLERK

CITY OF PORT COLBORNE
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

City Clerk 
10/27/04

SCHEDULE "A"

In the City of Port Colborne, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara and being composed of part of Lots 4, 5 and 6 on the Lakeshore all according to Merritt's Survey now known as Plan 987, 988 and 989 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly boundary of said Lot No. 4 on the Lakeshore at a point distant 8 feet southerly thereon from the north east angle of the said Lot;

Thence south 4 degrees and 45 minutes east in and along said easterly limit of said lot a distance of 90 feet to a point;

Thence westerly parallel to the northern limit of Lots 4 and 5 on the Lakeshore a distance of 132 feet more or less to a point in the easterly limit of Lot 6

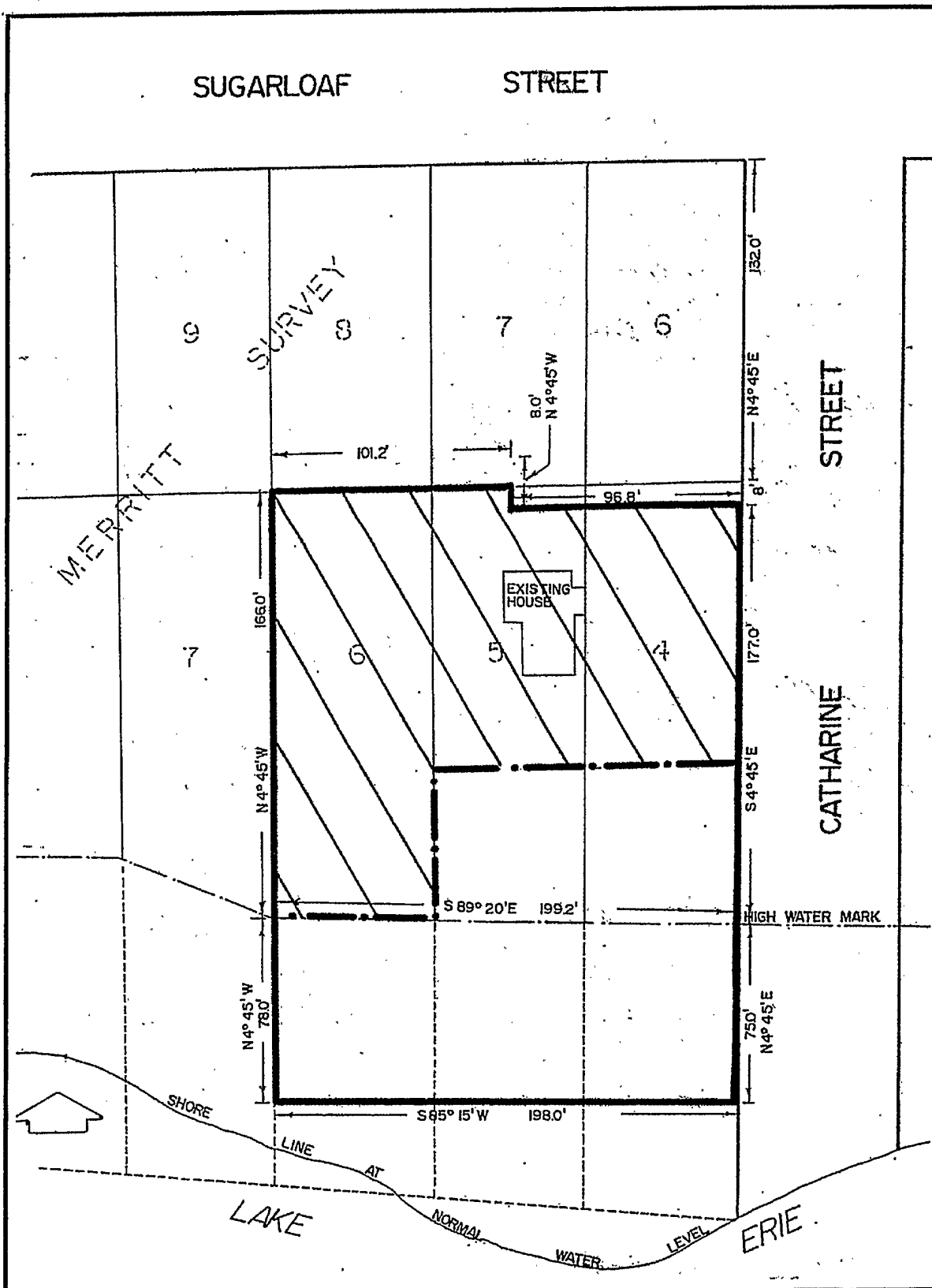
Thence southerly along the easterly limit of Lot 6 to the south east angle of Lot 6;

Thence westerly along the southerly limit of Lot 6 a distance of 66 feet more or less to the south westerly angle of the said Lot 6

Thence northerly along the westerly limit of said Lot 6 on the Lakeshore to the north easterly angle of the said Lot 6;

Thence southerly and parallel to the west limit of Catharine Street a distance of 8 feet to a point;

Thence easterly and parallel to the south limit of Sugarloaf Street a distance of 96.8 feet more or less to the place of beginning.



LANDS TO BE
DESIGNATED AS BEING OF
ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORIC VALUE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 29
OF THE ONTARIO
HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990

THIS IS SCHEDULE 'B' TO
BYLAW NO. 4595/126/04
PASSED THE 25th DAY OF
October 2004

MAYOR

David Beckett
CLERK

SCHEDULE "C"

ELEMENTS OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED BY THIS BY-LAW "WILDWOOD"- 14
CATHARINE STREET, PORT COLBORNE

1) The following exterior features are designated by this by-law:

a) Entire exterior of the house (no. 14) including the following significant features front door with bevelled glass and brass hardware, front storm door, north and east bay windows with heavy bevelled glass and stained glass transoms, oriel window, tower, large "art nouveau" stained glass window on south side, porches and eaves brackets.

b) The small outbuilding to the west of and behind the main house sided with clapboard and roofed with cedar that is of the same era as the main house.

2) The following interior features of the house are designated in this by-law:

a) All original interior woodwork.

b) All bevelled, stained and leaded glass.

c) All fireplaces, including surrounds, tile and fireboxes, and in the case of the main floor fireplace on the south side, the original solid brass andirons.

d) The original solid brass hanging light fixture in the upper front hall and the solid brass sidelights in the main floor dining room and the two upper floor bedrooms on the south side.

e) The black walnut winding staircase.

3) The following lands are designated in this by-law

Lands described in 'Schedule A' and Schedule 'B', including:

a) All archaeological resources and First Nations burials.

b) Major trees (12 inches in diameter or greater) for as long as they are judged to be in a healthy condition by a qualified arborist approved by the City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (L.A.C.A.C.). Especially noted are the double ash tree and two "Little Leaf Lindens", one of which is over sixty feet tall.

This designation does not prevent the use of the designated lands for any purpose that is permitted by the City's zoning by-law, not withstanding that the designated elements of the lands shall be retained.

SCHEDULE "D" REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

In 1876, a two-storey brick house was built on this property by William Arnott, a contractor. In 1886, Alice Dickinson acquired the house, which perched on a bluff overlooking Lake Erie, for retirement purposes with her husband, Joseph Jessop. The Dickinson's expanded the house substantially and named it "Wildwood" and resided here until Joseph Dickinson's death in 1937.

The Dickinson's at one time owned most of the surrounding lakefront property but sold a large part of it to International Nickel Company in the early 20 th century for construction of management housing.

This "house within a house" exhibits the eclectic styling of the Victorian era. Its bay and oriel windows, tower, decorative mouldings and "art nouveau" stained glass windows are characteristic of the late 19 th century Queen Anne style while the porches, a later addition, are reminiscent of the Greek Revival mansions of the American south. Inside the house the original woodwork, a solid black walnut winding staircase and two fireplaces including a ground floor fireplace with hardwood surround, English ceramic tile and patterned bronze firebox, add to the grandeur of the house. Two cast iron lions imported by the Dickinson's from the United States, guard the entrance and sidewalk that leads to concrete and stone steps descending to the street. These steps are reminders of "horse and buggy" transport when passengers would avoid muddy streets by stepping from a carriage directly on to an elevated limestone stepping stone.

Garden plants from the Dickinson's era still flourish on the property. Blue cillas (often found around Victorian houses) cover the north lawn in spring and a climbing single rose grows beside the south porch. The woodlot to the west of the house still contains mature trees from the Dickinson's era, including a sixty-foot tall "Little Leaf Linden" and is a registered archaeological site containing a mound believed to be a burial site for Neutral Indians (c. 1500 B. C. to 1600 A. D.).