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59 Grand River St., N. PARIS, ONTARIO

October 18th, 1979.

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

Att: Mr. E. Tooke

Re: Asa Wolverton-Potts House 52 Grand River Street South, Paris, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Please find attached By-Law 2364, Town of Paris,

designating the above-mentioned property.

Yours truly,

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WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 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 Paris has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the ASA Wolverton-Potts House at 52 Grand River Street South, Paris 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 the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule B hereto; and

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

THEREFORE THF COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARIS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as ASA Wolverton-Potts House at 52 Grand River Street South, Paris, more particularly described in schedule A 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 time this 16th day of October, 1979. Read a second time this 16th day of October, 1979. Read a third time and finally passed this 16th day of October, 1979

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Schedule :A: to By-Law No. 2364

52 Grand River Street South, Paris, Ontario

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Schedule "B" to Ey-Law No. 2364

Asa Wolverton, who emigrated from the Southern United States in the early 1830's, was one of the early industrialists of the Town. We established a sawnill which was successful enough to allow him, by 1851, to build the large, comfortable structure located at 52 Grand River Street South. It is thought that he was the builder of the two plaster houses immediately to the South of his own home as well as several smaller houses on the opposite side of the street. These houses were the nucleus of Paris'first Residential Area.

The Wolverton-Potts House is built in Greek Revival style, with an attractive double entrance verandah in Greek Temple style. Bull's Eve windows are located in the attic gables, and the roof is finished by a low balustrade surrounding its topmost part. The house, and its dependencies, is constructed of hand split lathes to which has been applied a heavy coat of stucco, which in turn is covered by a thin, smooth layer of fine plaster. The structure is unique in that its dependencies (Granary, storeroom, carriage house and stables) are attached to (the south side of) the house and located parallel to the front or entrance fascade. There are no other examples of this type of design in Ontario. Although some examples are found in the Maritimes and New England. On the property is a small cobblestone smokehouse. The front of the property is bounded by a cobblestone wall which is also to be included in the designation, as is the smokehouse.

The building has been converted to multiple residential housing of very good quality.