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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To designate a property being Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, geographic Township of Burford, and located at 306 Highway 53, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

WHEREAS a request was received from M. Sheridan, the owner of the land described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, geographic Township of Burford, and located at 306 Highway 53, to designate the site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act empowers a Council of a municipality to pass by-laws to designate properties of Historical or Architectural interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Notice of Intention to Designate 306 Highway 53 was served on the owner of the property, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and was published in the Brantford Expositor as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are attached as Schedule "A" to the by-law;

AND WHEREAS no objection to the notice for designation has been received by the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** 306 Highway 53, described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 4, geographic Township of Burford, County of Brant, be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of historical and architectural significance as described in Schedule "A" attached to this by-law.
2. **THAT** the Clerk shall register a copy of this by-law, together with its Schedules against the title of the lands in the Land Registry Office for the County of Brant and shall serve a copy of the by-law together with its schedules, to the owner of the land and the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish a notice of the passing of this by-law in the Brantford Expositor.

READ a first and second time in Council, this 22nd day of August, 2006.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 22nd day of August, 2006.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANTCERTIFIED TO BE
A TRUE COPY

Jayne Carman
Clerk
COUNTY OF BRANT

Date: August 23, 2006

Mayor

Clerk

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Schedule A

306 HIGHWAY 53

Reasons for Designation

The house was built by the entrepreneurial Farrington family, who made their wealth in California. They constructed a private lake and airstrip, also owning horses. The family was very community oriented, holding many public events including garden parties and dances. The youngest son fought with the Royal Flying Corps in World War I and with the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II.

The house was built in 1883 on a fieldstone foundation in the Italianate style. Constructed in buff bricks, it has contrasting polychrome quoining. The welsh slate roof is supported by brackets and has decorative drops. The porch maintains the original front work (sometimes called gingerbread) and includes a conservatory. Three of the original chimneys are double and two are single. The upper storey windows are deep-arched while the lower storey windows are shallow arched. The front door is double with a fanlight window above. The exterior alterations are appropriately sympathetic to the original, keeping the integrity using original bricks, windows and doors.

The interior of the house remains original for the most part. Features include: ten to eleven foot ceilings, woodwork, moulding, flooring, lathen plaster, Italian marble fireplace, tri-fold parlour doors, panelled doors, plaster-cast ceiling medallions, the staircase and the transom on the bedroom doors. The interior walls from the basement to the attic are brick, giving the house multiple firewalls.

The designation also includes outbuildings on the property which pre-date the building of the house. The main barn has an English style roof and a 14in square hand-hewn centre beam. The barn boards have never been painted. The drive barn is board and baton on three sides and horizontal lathes on the other. Both are excellent examples of early pioneer construction methods. The family outhouse remains intact and in good condition, but is no longer functional. The horse barn has been torn down, leaving a wall of stone and the remains of a side wall. The area has been maintained and landscaped as a park. Maple trees and the lane complete the original setting of the property.

An inventory taken in 1993 of the heritage buildings of Burford Township resulted in the highest rating for the house located at 306 Highway 53.

The house is part of the historic district of Highway 53 and is part of the Grand River Historic Watershed in the area of Whiteman and Kenny Creeks,

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