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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE

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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act,
please find enclosed a copy of By-law 05/92, passed by the Municipal
Council of the Corporation of the Town of Port Hope on January 20,
1992.

For your information and records.

Yours truly,

M. Rostetter
Deputy Clerk - Administrator
Town of Port Hope

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encl.

cc: file
cc: LACAC, c/o Mr. D. Ramsey (encl.)

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE
BY-LAW NO. 05/92

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE AS BEING OF HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980 authorizes the Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest:

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Port Hope deems it desirable to designate the following property:

1. 17 Mill Street, North

and has caused to be served on the owners of the respective land and premise, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, namely the "Port Hope Evening Guide";

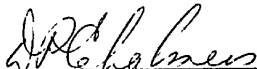
AND WHEREAS the land of the subject property is more particularly described in Schedule "A-1" attached hereto and the reasons for designating the respective property is set out in Schedule "B-1" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notification of objections to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest the following real property as an important component of the Town of Port Hope:
 - (1) "17 Mill Street, North" being more particularly described in Schedule "A-1" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law. The reasons for the designation of this property are set out in Schedule "B-1" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
2. The Clerk and the Solicitor of the Town of Port Hope are hereby authorized to serve, publish and register copies of the By-law in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 20th day of January, 1992.



MAYOR



CLERK

READ a THIRD time and finally passed in Open Council this 20th day of January, 1992.



MAYOR



CLERK

By-Law No. 05/92

Schedule A-1

17 Mill Street, North:

Part Town Plot 20 as in Deed #28116
Registered 25 September 1970
in the Town of Port Hope
in the County of Northumberland
in the Province of Ontario

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Port Hope, in the County of Northumberland (formerly Durham), in the Province of Ontario, and being composed of part of Town Plot Lot 20, according to a plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland (formerly Durham) as the Stewart Plan, in the said Town, the boundaries of the said parcel being described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings are astronomic derived from the easterly limit of Mill Street, in the said Town, having a bearing of north ten degrees, fifty minutes west (N.10 50'W), as shown on Municipal Survey Number 774, and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the northwest corner of the said Town Plot Lot 20;

THENCE south ten degrees, fifty minutes east (S.10 50'E.) along the easterly limit of the said Mill Street, eighty-four feet (84.00');

THENCE north eighty-five degrees, forty-three minutes east (N.85 43'E.) ninety-five and four one-hundredths feet (95.04');

THENCE north four degrees, ten minutes, ten seconds west (N.4 10' 10"W.), eighty-three and forty-eight one-hundredths feet (83.48') to the northerly limit of the said Town Plot Lot 20;

THENCE south eighty-five degrees, forty-three minutes west (S.85 43'.) along the said northerly limit of the Town Plot Lot 20, one hundred and four and eighty-eight one-hundredths feet (104.88') more or less to the point of commencement;

AND DESIGNATED AS PART 1 on Ontario Department of Public Works Plan of Survey Number 697-101L.

SCHEDULE "B-1"
TO BY-LAW NO. 05/92

17 Mill Street, North:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Land Registry Office is an attractive brick building, simple in its single storey silhouette and gable roof of medium pitch. The gable end, which forms a triangular pediment, faces the street and presents a 3-bay facade with projecting vestibule. All the door and window openings are crowned with true semi-circular arches (vaguely Italianate in inspiration). On the facade these are recessed into arched brick panels and topped with conspicuous keystones. Band courses in brick and a plinth add decorative emphasis to the masonry. Still visible and of significance is the painted sign over the front door that reads "East Durham 1871".

But more than architectural detail is important to the designation of the registry office. The structure itself is unique, composed of 3 brick vaults that run across the width of the building. This relates to the building's prime objective--fireproofing--essential to its role as a safe depository for all legal documents affecting land ownership. It follows a plan established by the provincial government in the 1870s. Several similar offices were built in other Ontario towns; of those that remain, Port Hope's stands fairly well preserved, although some other fireproofing features--such as iron doors and shutters and slate roofing---have been lost.