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TOWNSHIPS OF  
**ELZEVR & GRIMSTHORPE**

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May 5, 1989

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FOUNDATION

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy of a by-law passed by  
our Council.

Brian and Marilyn McGrath, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], have purchased this  
property and I believe, have on file an application  
for a Commercial Heritage grant.

Yours very truly,

*Jean Holmes*

Mrs. Jean Holmes, Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF ELZEVR AND GRIMSTHORPE

BY-LAW NO. 89-10

BEING a by-law to designate the property known municipally as Lot 2, west of Water Street and south of Queen Street, in the First Range, Village of Queensboro Plan, Township of Elzevir, County of Hastings, (McMurray's Store), as being of architectural and historical value,

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 Townships of Elzevir and Grimsthorpe has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as "McMurray's Store (Diamond's Hotel)" at Lot 2, west of Water Street and south of Queen Street, in the First Range, Village of Queensboro Plan, Township of Elzevir, 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 "Madoc Review Newspaper" once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto; 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 Townships of Elzevir and Grimsthorpe ENACTS as follows:

1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value the real property known as "McMurray's Store (Diamond's Hotel)" at Lot 2, west of Water Street and south of Queen Street, in the First Range, Village of Queensboro Plan, Township of Elzevir, County of Hastings.

2) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described as above in the Hastings County Land Registry Office.

3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owners 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 "Madoc Review Newspaper" once for each of three consecutive weeks.

Read a first and second time this ...1st...day of ..May....., 1989.

Read a third time and finally passed this ..1st...day of ..May...., 1989.

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Reeve

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Clerk

I, Jean Holmes, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of By-law No. 89-10 as enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Townships of Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

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Clerk, Townships of Elzevir and  
Grimsthorpe

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 89-10

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

"McMurray's Store (Diamond's Hotel)" was built in approximately 1850 or earlier, and is one of the oldest buildings in the Hamlet of Queensboro. It is a well-known local landmark, and is an early example of rural design, skillfully using local material and craftsmanship.

Historically, the building has served as a focal point for activities, having been used as an hotel for approximately its first seventy years, before being converted to a store, of which use it was made for approximately the next sixty years.

"McMurray's Store (Diamond's Hotel)" is considered architecturally significant in that it is a particularly fine example of the clapboarded wood frame construction typical in the Township and here applied to a commercial structure.

The building combines Georgian (Palladian) proportions with Greek Revival detailing. The former is represented by the division of both the original building and the Queen St. addition into five bays (as is readily discerned at the second storey of each section) created by the symmetrical placement of the window openings under a medium pitch gable roof. Greek Revival details include the moulded cornice, verge with associated friezes and the beaded cornerboards which are treated as pilasters utilizing entases and small capitals. The two-over-two windows are pedimented and the gables of the main facade contain delicately joined triangular louvered vents.

The detailing was complemented later in the century by the elaborate verandah at the south elevation, the roof of which is supported by round columns complete with capital and base, and at the wall face by pilasters.

A vernacular feature of great interest is the rubblestone ash house adjacent to the building.

...*Jean...Holmes*...  
Clerk

...*Jack...Robinson*...  
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