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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18**

Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 provides that where no notice of objection to a proposed designation is served within the prescribed thirty day period, Council may either pass a by-law designating the property or withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property.

**NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAWS**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas has enacted the following heritage designation by-laws pursuant to the Act on the 19th day of July, 1994:

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| 1. 20 Walnut Street | By-Law No. 103-94 ✓ |
| 2. 7 Church Street  | By-Law No. 104-94 ✓ |
| 3. 10 Centre Street | By-Law No. 105-94 ✓ |

A copy of these heritage designation by-laws may be seen in or obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 545 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, Ontario during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday to Friday.

**DATED** at St. Thomas, Ontario this 29th day of July, 1994.



P.J. Leack  
City Clerk  
City of St. Thomas

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CITY OF ST. THOMAS

BY-LAW NO. 103-94

A by-law to designate 20 Walnut Street,  
in the City of St. Thomas, as a building  
of historic and architectural value.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.  
1990, c. 0.18, the Council of a municipality may by by-law  
designate a property including buildings and structures  
thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest.


AND WHEREAS notice of intention to designate the property  
at 20 Walnut Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, has been duly  
published and served, and no notice of objection has been  
received to such designation;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF ST. THOMAS, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby designated as being of historic and  
architectural value or interest the municipal residence  
known as 20 Walnut Street in the City of St. Thomas, all  
of which is described in Schedule "A" attached hereto,  
for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a  
copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to  
the property described in the aforementioned Schedule "A"  
in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorize to cause a copy  
of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid  
property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to  
cause notice of this by-law to be published in the  
St. Thomas Times-Journal.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is finally  
passed.

READ a First and Second time this 19th day of July, 1994.

READ a Third time and finally passed this 19th day of July,  
1994.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

#### SCHEDULE "A"

Part of lot 3, south of Centre Street, Plan 1, City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeast angle of said Lot 3;

THENCE west along the south limit of said Lot 3, being the north limit of Walnut Street, 24 feet 6 inches;

THENCE north parallel to the east limit of said Lot 3, 70 feet;

THENCE east parallel to the north limit of Walnut Street, 24 feet 6 inches to the east limit of said Lot;

THENCE south along the east limit of said Lot 3, 70 feet to the place of beginning.

RESERVING to the parties of the third part mentioned in a conveyance dated the 27th day of December, 1921, and registered as number 45631 for St. Thomas, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for all time the right to enter upon the said lands and construct a sewer through the said lands and have full ingress and regress at all times to enter upon said lands for the purpose of repairing or renewing said sewer.

#### SCHEDULE "B"

20 Walnut Street

This was the office building of Dr. John Wilson and the actual building was moved from 37 Elgin Street to this location in 1914.

Dr. Wilson was a prominent early doctor and a member of the Legislative Assembly in 1871 and 1875. In 1882, Dr. Wilson was elected a Member of Parliament in Ottawa. He was appointed to the Senate in 1904 and died in 1912.

This small house is the only older building in St. Thomas clad in board and batten. For this reason, it has been included in L.A.C.A.C.'s heritage building inventory. The house has some links with an architectural past.

Board and batten was a third type of siding which rose in the 1850's and 1860's. It was promoted by Andrew Jackson Downing. This type of siding had a picturesque beauty and was especially pleasing with the Gothic style. A rarer siding that is a cross between clapboard and board and batten is flushboard. The boards were flush against each other with no overlap or battens. This was expensive and rare, requiring very good carpentry skills. Our ancestors are said not to have considered frame prestigious: it was seen as a fire risk and a nuisance to paint but was very eminently practical and accessible. This accessibility also availed the use of wood as the main roofing material in the 1800's.