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**CITY of  
STRATFORD**  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

And in the matter of the lands and premises  
at the following municipal address in the  
City of Stratford, in the Province of Ontario

**NOTICE OF PASSING A DESIGNATING BY-LAW NO. 2-2001**

TO: 1448456 Ontario Inc.  
P.O. Box 933  
STRATFORD ON N5A 7M3

Attention: Loreena McKennitt, President

AND TO: ✓ Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

✓ Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation  
Heritage & Libraries Branch  
400 University Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9


Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford, at a meeting held on January 8, 2001 has designated the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**35 Waterloo Street North, Stratford – Falstaff Public School**

A copy of By-law 2-2001 including the reasons for designation is attached hereto.

Should you require additional information on this by-law, please contact the undersigned.

Dated at the City of Stratford  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001

  
Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk



**BY-LAW NUMBER 2-2001  
OF THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

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BEING a by-law to designate Falstaff School, 35 Waterloo Street North, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

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WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has consulted with its Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has caused to be served upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owners of the property known as Falstaff School, 35 Waterloo Street North, Stratford, notice of its intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused general circulation in the City of Stratford by publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no written notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within the prescribed time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the real property known as Falstaff School, 35 Waterloo Street North, in the City of Stratford is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest for the reasons described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered in the proper land registry office against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owner of the property and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Stratford Beacon Herald being a paper having a general circulation in the municipality.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of January, 2001.

## **THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2 -2001**

### **OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

passed this 8th day of January, 2001.

#### **Reasons for the heritage designation of Falstaff School, 35 Waterloo Street North, Stratford:**

This excellent well designed landmark, located on Waterloo Street North, sits atop a small incline overlooking a prime piece of residential Stratford real estate. The Neo-Gothic architecture and the structure's position on the site are important and relevant elements in the surrounding streetscape. The building dominates its large site. The size of the site, the relationship of the building to the site and in turn the site to the surrounding residential area, all come together to form a well integrated situation. The building reinforces the character of the neighbourhood, any significant changes would impact on the entire area.

In 1859 Stratford was divided into five Wards, themed after Shakespearean names. As the population grew, schools were built in each of the wards to service that local area. Of special significance was the development of the public school system. Falstaff, on a province wide basis, is an excellent example of an elementary school building of the time. It reflects the status of the educational system in a small urban community at the pre-Depression period in our history. The ward school developed into the centre for neighbourhoods and helped to define the community they were in. Stratford's growth and identity were and are greatly influenced by these local institutions. They provided the students and vicinity with a sense of "belonging" and "community".

This "rug brick" building was constructed during 1929 and was referred to as the "New Falstaff School, as it was the second Falstaff School on this site. It was one of the last ward schools built to replace its original predecessor. Today three of those ward schools, Shakespeare, Hamlet and Anne Hathaway have all been replaced by newer buildings. Until recently, New Falstaff, was one of only 2 remaining Stratford school buildings still used as a school.

The significant historical reasons for designating this building and site are:-

- The building has defined the growth and development of Stratford as a community.
- The architecture and positioning of the structure and site are important and relevant elements in the surrounding streetscape.
- This building documents the importance of the ward system and its schools in Stratford.
- The structure and site has and still does define the local community it is situated in.
- It is one of only two remaining examples of Ward School structures in Stratford.
- James Simpson Russell, who designed the building, was a prominent Stratford architect. J.S. Russell was from one of Stratford's early families. He was an architect in Stratford for 40 years, and for a short time was in partnership with R.T. Orr. He designed many of Stratford's churches and schools.
- This building is an outstanding example of the history of education in Stratford.
- The building and site are not protected under the Heritage Conservation District.

The significant architectural reasons for designation are:-

- It is the only example in Stratford of the Neo-Gothic (or Modern Gothic) style, used for Ontario Public School designs during the early part of the 20th century. The features indicative of the style are: simple massing and a symmetrical plan which is ordered around a frontispiece. The facade which is detailed with wall buttresses. The large windows which have a greater proportion of window to wall surface.
- This building (Falstaff) has more significant architectural detailing than the other example in Stratford (Avon School).
- Specific architectural elements to be designated on the front elevation are : frontispiece, parapet and corner with Gothic detailing, wall buttress, expansive windows, entrance with Gothic detailing, date

**THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 2-2001**  
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD  
passed this 8th day of January, 2001.

**Falstaff School, 35 Waterloo Street North, Stratford**

Lots 54, 55, 56, 73, 74 and 75, Plan 68.