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BYLAW NO. 148-2005

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A Bylaw to designate the exterior facades of the original house on the property located at 119-121 Darling Street as having cultural heritage value or interest.

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all of the buildings or structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

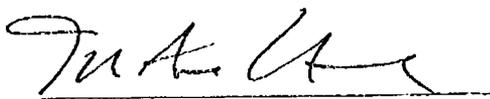
**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford, on the recommendation of the Brantford Heritage Committee, has carried out the required Notice of Intention to Designate 119-121 Darling Street but that the designation be limited to the exterior facades of the original house that will be visible from Darling Street;

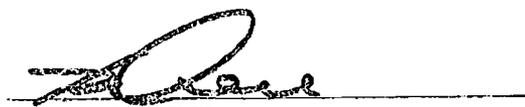
**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** there is designated as being of cultural heritage value the real property known as 119-121 Darling Street in the City of Brantford, as described in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw but that the designation be limited to the exterior facades of the original house that will be visible from Darling Street;
2. **THAT** the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the Bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the proper land registry office;
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this Bylaw to be served on the registered owner of the aforesaid property and the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to carry out the public notice as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;
4. **THAT** the City shall enter into an agreement with the registered owner for the installation and maintenance of a plaque distinguishing the property as a designated structure.

READ A FIRST TIME      AUGUST 22, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_  
READ A SECOND TIME    AUGUST 22, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_  
PASSED                    AUGUST 22, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK

THIS IS SCHEDULE "A"

To

BYLAW NO. 148-2005 —

DESCRIPTION:

In the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant and being composed of Plan Brantford  
Lots 23 to 24 and Pt. Lot 22.

THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW NO. 148-2005

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF  
119-121 DARLING STREET, LIMITED TO THE EXTERIOR FACADES  
OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE.**

**Reason for Designation**

The property at 119-121 Darling Street is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a building of cultural heritage value but that the designation is limited to the exterior facades of the original house, visible from Darling Street.

The original house at 119-121 Darling Street was built in 1870 in the Italianate style of architecture and several architectural features still remain on the building. Historically, the property is significant, as a very prominent local family owned it, the Wilkes family, who were one of the original settlers in the community.

**Description of the Heritage Attributes**

The front façade of the original house has three equal bays and the first floor has a central portico for the front entrance door. A barrel vault supported by Doric columns covers the entrance. The portico deck, stairs and stair walls are cut stone in a broken course with a rough face. Iron railings are located inside the stair walls. The portico is flanked by two bay windows with elaborate woodwork and cresting along the edge of their flat roofs.

The original two-storey, square plan house has a hip roof design. Under the eaves are brackets with scrolling and a pendant. Two stretcher brick courses are corbelled out to support the brackets. Between each bracket are raised inset brick panels, two rectangles between squares.

The building exterior is brick laid in a common bond on a plain and split fieldstone foundation.

The fenestration of the second floor is predominantly double-hung windows with flattened basket arch heads with a keystone supported by a single course of tapered soldier bricks. Each window has a moulded wood lug sill supported by two small consoles. The two windows in the centre bay are narrow and have rounded heads.

One of the earliest settlers coming directly to Upper Canada from England was John Aston Wilkes in 1820. He settled in Little York, now Toronto, and became a merchant. His two sons, James and John came to Brantford as early as 1823 to establish a general store as a branch of their father's business. Then Mr. Wilkes Sr. followed his sons to Brantford. George S. Wilkes, son of Wilkes Sr. served as Mayor of the Town of Brantford and James Wilkes was Municipal Treasurer of Brantford for a number of years.

Dr. Henry Wilkes, also a son of Wilkes Sr. became the organizer of many Independent Churches throughout Upper and Lower Canada. In 1828, he organized a non-denominational Sunday School which eventually formed the basis for the Congregational Church in Brantford and James Wilkes served as Secretary and Librarian of the school for nearly 60 years. A donation of books to the school resulted in this being the first library in Brantford.

Mr. Alfred Wilkes, son of James Wilkes, was born in Brantford, educated at the University of Toronto where he received a law degree and returned to Brantford to commence a law career with the firm Hardy & Wilkes. He was City Solicitor, acted as Deputy Judge for Brant County and a Trustee for the Public School Board for ten years and chairman for three years. Three members of the family were lawyers in 1853 and among the first members of the Brant Law Association. Mr. Alfred Wilkes was the original owner of the house at 119-121 Darling Street.