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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VALERIE CRITCHLEY
CITY CLERK

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER

TO OUR FILE # MBA/9717

October 22, 2012

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide St. E., 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs:

Re: Amendment of Designation of McDougall-Stodgell House – 712 Devonshire Road

Council at its meeting held October 15, 2012 passed By-law Number 146-2012, "A By-law to amend By-Law 173-2007, a by-law to designate the lands and premises situated within the City of Windsor, known as 712 Devonshire Road, to be of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended."

- * By-law 146-2012 outlining the reasons for the amendment is **attached**.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Karen Kadour at 255-6211, extension 6430, quoting file number MBA/9717 when you call.

Yours very truly,

Agatha Armstrong
Deputy City Clerk & Supervisor of Council Services

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attachment

BY - LAW NUMBER 146-2012

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 173-2007, A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS *712 Devonshire Road*, TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 15th day of October, 2012.

WHEREAS by By-law Number 173-2007 passed on September 10, 2007 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor designated the lands described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to amend By-law 173-2007 by changing the general list of heritage features to a more detailed description for the designation of the lands, municipally known as *712 Devonshire Road*, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands);

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to amend By-law 173-2007 was given to the owner(s) of the said subject lands and no notice of objection was filed by the Owner.

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That By-law Number 173-2007 be amended by deleting Schedule "B" attached thereto and substituting Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is electronically registered in the Land Registry Office for the County of Essex (No. 12)."


EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR


CLERK

First Reading - October 15, 2012
Second Reading - October 15, 2012
Third Reading - October 15, 2012

SCHEDULE "A"

Lots 1 and 3, both in Block Q, Registered Plan 211 Sandwich East; Windsor
P.I.N. 01133-0384 (LT)

712 Devonshire Road
City of Windsor, County of Essex

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Description of Historic Place

The home at 712 Devonshire Road, referred to as the McDougall-Stodgell House in remembrance of the two prominent Walkerville families that first lived there, is situated on the southeast corner of Devonshire Road and Tuscarora Street in the near east end of the City of Windsor – in the former Town of Walkerville, one of the "Border Cities" amalgamated with Windsor in 1935. The two and a half storey Georgian Revival/Arts & Crafts style house was constructed in 1914 for John A. McDougall, Secretary of Hiram Walker & Sons. In 1920, he sold the property to Charles J. Stodgell, Walkerville mayor and successful businessman. It represents the fine homes being built in Walkerville for prominent citizens during the early decades of the 20th century.

Historical Value

The McDougall-Stodgell House is historically significant because of its associations with the influential persons that resided within its walls. It was built in 1914 for John A. McDougall, the managing director of Walker Sons Ltd. – the firm at the foundation of Walkerville – although the lands were not officially conveyed to McDougall until 1917. From 1920 until 1939 it was the home of Charles James Stodgell. Originally from England, Stodgell came to Walkerville in 1884 and hired on as a farm hand with Hiram Walker & Sons. He quickly moved up the ranks to running the Walkerville general store and acting as assistant postmaster. After resigning from the Walker firm, he engaged in a very successful and visible business career – owner of a wholesale liquor store, vice-president of Butternut Bread Co, and owner of Symes Motor Sales of Leamington. His political life was also highly visible; he served as Mayor of Walkerville (1921-23), on the town council, as well as a member of the Board of Education and the Library Board. Stodgell Park was named after this well-respected gentleman, who as Mayor, presided over the presentation of Willistead to the town by the Walker family.

Design Value

The McDougall-Stodgell House is architecturally significant as an example of a Georgian Revival style house with prominent Arts & Crafts elements. It is one of the few stucco clad houses in Walkerville, being unique in that the construction is stucco on hollow tile with brick and concrete foundation walls. On its largely symmetrical form are a two-storey windowed porch on the south and a saltbox roofed ell on the north. The front entrance is accentuated with sidelights/fanlight transom and a coved-hood columned portico. Above the portico are a flat-arched Palladian window and an eyebrow eave. The side stucco-clad garage is contemporary to the house.

Contextual Value

The McDougall-Stodgell House is an important, well-preserved example of the type of quality homes being built by community leaders during Walkerville's second phase of development – when the prosperous town was expanding south of Wyandotte Street. Distinctive houses of various architectural styles, popular in the protracted Edwardian Period (1900 to the 1930s), were constructed along Devonshire Road, Walkerville's "main street".

Character Defining Elements

Items that contribute to the historical value of the McDougall-Stodgell House include:

- Its existence as a well-preserved example of the fine quality homes being built for Walkerville's prominent citizens in the early part of the 20th century
- Its association with John A. McDougall – Secretary of Hiram Walker & Sons
- Its association with Charles J. Stodgell – Mayor of Walkerville, self-made successful businessman and civic leader

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of the McDougall-Stodgell House include:

- Its overall symmetrical Georgian Revival domestic design:
 - Gable roof (originally wood shingle clad)
 - Wooden bracketed eaves with diamond motif at brackets
 - Plain end chimneys
 - Multi pane (6/1) double hung windows
 - Elaborate central doorway with sidelights, and fanlight transom
 - Palladian style window of diamond motif leaded glass on the second floor over front entrance
- Its construction of hollow tile covered with white stucco
- Its original freestanding one car garage – stucco clad with small pane windows and chimney
- Its prominent Arts & Crafts elements:
 - Enclosed two-storey porch on the south façade with small pane glazing on the second floor and prominent eave with moulded projecting wooden brackets between the first and second floors
 - Saltbox roofed ell on the north with arched porch entrance
 - Coved-hood columned wooden portico with flat-roofed bracketed wings with decorative wooden divides at front entrance
 - Eyebrow eave above the front entranceway

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the McDougall-Stodgell House include:

- Its location in the heart of the historic core of the former town of Walkerville – on Devonshire Road, Walkerville’s “main street”
- Its status as an important, well-preserved example of the type of quality homes being built by community leaders during Walkerville’s second phase of development – when the prosperous town was expanding south of Wyandotte Street