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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 11755

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST (MUNICIPAL NO. 75 ST. PAUL STREET -- OLD HOUSTON BUILDING)

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980 provides that where the Council of a Municipality has given notice of its intention to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest and, where objections to said notice of designation are duly received and duly processed through the Conservation Review Board, the Council shall pass a by-law designating the property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS all statutory requirements for giving notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the property herein described to be of historic or architectural value have been complied with;

AND WHEREAS no objections to said notice of designation were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Building located at Municipal No. 75 St. Paul Street (Old Houston Building), being located at the south east corner of South George Street and St. Paul Street, which parcel of land is more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, be and the same is designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" attached hereto as provided for in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.
 - 2. Nothing in this by-law shall be construed to designate any of the lands described in Schedule "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural interest, as provided in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

THIS BY-LAW SHALL COME INTO FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON AND AFTER THE PASSING THEREOF.

Read a first time this 19th day of August, 1985.

Read a second time this 19th day of August, 1985.

Read a third time and finally passed this 19th day of August, 1985.

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GEORGE A. EEGOVRAS, MAYOR

WILLIAM C. MORETON, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 11755

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Belleville in the County of Hastings, and being composed of Lots 14 and 15 east of George Street according to Registered Plan No. 24 and Part of Lot 36, according to Registered Plan No. 288, designated as Part 1, Plan 21R-7946.

MASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION - 75 ST. PAUL STREET - OLD HOUSTON BUILDING"

6. 75 St. Paul Street "Old Houston Building" is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons.

The Abbott-Mitchell Iron and Steel Company began building their mill here in 1899, and erected this building as their office. In 1910 it was bought by the Steel Company of Canada Limited. In 1924 the property was sold to John F. Houston of the Houston Lumber Company. They subsequently added a showroom and storage area.

Built on a stone foundation, the red brick building is enhanced by yellow brick corner quoins and the segmental window heads. This polychromatic brick work is uncommon in Belleville, and combined with the concave mansard roof gives a sense of style in keeping with the importance of this large industry.

Noteworthy in the interior are the wood casing and trim, c. 1935.

This building is a good example of a re-adoptive use of a building, and illustrates the evolution of a corporate executive office building to a commercial office and showrooms, in keeping with the changing times in Belleville.

A copy of the "Old Houston Building" (The Belleville Rolling Mills) photographed, perhaps, in the early 1900's is attached hereto and marked Schedule I.