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PUBLIC NOTICE **ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW HERITAGE DESIGNATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe enacted a by-law at its meeting held on May 7, 2013 to designate the property located at 3 King Street West, Reid Plan Lot 511, in the former Village of Colborne in the Township of Cramahe, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, 0.18, Part IV, Section 29.

By-law No. 2013-32

Thornton House
3 King Street West, Reid Plan 511
Former Village of Colborne, Township of Cramahe

A copy of the by-law and additional information relating to by-law 2013-32 are available from the Office of the Township of Cramahe, 1 Toronto Street in Colborne, during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Cramahe this 16th day of May, 2013.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
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BY-LAW NO. 2013-32

Being a By-law to designate the property at 3 King Street West, Colborne, Reid Plan Lot 511, part of Lot 32, Concession 1, in the Township of Cramahe as having cultural heritage value and interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c., O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings or structures thereon, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe deems it desirable to designate the building at 3 King Street West, Colborne and has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township;

AND WHEREAS the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS no notification of objections to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Township;

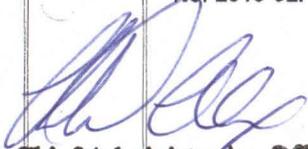
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the property described in Schedule A, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as The Thornton House, 3 King St. W., is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest and is recognized as being an important build heritage asset in the Municipality of the Township of Cramahe.
2. THAT the Clerk of the Township of Cramahe is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Township, and to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered at the proper Land Registry Office in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.
3. THAT this by-law shall become effective on the date it is passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe.

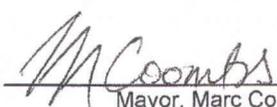
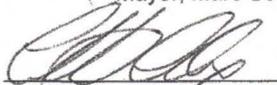
READ a first time this 7th day of May, 2013.

READ a second time this 7th day of May, 2013.

READ a third time and finally passed this 7th day of May, 2013, and given By-law No. 2013-32.


I, Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the original document.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2013
CAO/Clerk Christie Alexander C.M.O., C.M.M.L.I.


Mayor, Marc Coombs

CAO/Clerk, Christie Alexander

Schedule A
To By-law No. 2013-32

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

3 King Street West: Reid Plan Lot 511, Part 1 Plan 38R1023, subject to an easement,
former Village of Colborne, Township of Cramahe

Schedule B
To By-law No. 2013-32

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY – 3 King Street West, Colborne

3 King Street West – The Thornton House is built in the Georgian style (1720-1840). The house is located on the south side of King Street West, at the foot of Toronto Street, in the former Village of Colborne in the Township of Cramahe.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:

DESIGN OR PHYSICAL VALUE:

The Thornton House, 3 King West, Colborne, Ontario, is built in the Georgian style (1720-1840). It is a five bay white clapboard house with centre hall plan. The house is thought to have been constructed in 2 stages sometime in the very early 19th century.

There is an imposing back to back fireplace with an 8 square foot chimney in the very centre of the original space, which was used for cooking and heating. There are 2 other fireplaces, one of which is still operational. All are in the Federal style and all are in keeping with the house's Adams style detailing. James and Robert Adams (18th C.) were the first to create an integrated look for architecture and décor – walls, floors, cornices, windows, fireplaces, etc. were all defined to create the "Adams" look.

The house has 9 rooms, 9 foot high ceilings, original windows, and pine floors, some of which are original. There is a secret passage and several hiding places – the purpose of which is unknown but they are reminiscent of the "Priests' Holes" of Elizabethan England. The roof is cross gabled, and the house is one and one half stories with a Palladian window lighting the front of the gable. The house is the original wooden, white painted clapboard with moulded overlaps. The windows are original period glass "12 over 12" double hung sash. The gable window is flanked by painted wooden quarter-circle fan details associated with Georgian architecture. The shed-roofed wooden storm porch with Italianate brackets was a later addition. The house's plan is rectangular with a one storey annex at the rear, which was probably one of the ubiquitous summer kitchens of the era.

The front doorway is modestly detailed by rectangular side and top lights and it has a restrained moulded architrave (lintel).

HISTORICAL OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:

3 King Street West is reputed to be the oldest surviving dwelling in the village of Colborne. From 1831 to 1843, it was the home of John Steele, who came from Scotland in 1820, and his wife, Mary Spalding. Because the registry of land deeds does not record the history of buildings but only property, it is not possible to state in what year the house was built. However, clues lead students of architecture to conclude that it was erected in the 1820s or earlier, perhaps by John Ogden who received the grant of this land from the Crown in 1809. The house may have been built a little before the Keeler house on Church Street East (a designated property). Mr. Steele, a newspaper man, was purportedly a friend of Joseph Keeler who is considered the first settler in the area. Steele founded the *Northumberland Pilot*, and was also involved with the *Watchman*, published in Port Hope. As a staunch Presbyterian, he fought against the establishment of the Anglican Church as the state religion of Canada. He helped to found Queen's University and was a member of its first board. John Steele also served as Postmaster in 1824, and as a magistrate and chairman of the Newcastle Quarter Sessions. In 1837, he was appointed a member of the Board of Education for the District of Newcastle, and by 1844, he was Superintendent of Schools for the District. He also took part in other local organizations, including agricultural societies; the Canada Literacy Society, Manual Labour and Educational Society; and the Northumberland Militia, where he held a captaincy in the 3rd regiment.

The present white frame house at 3 King Street West could have been on the land already, when between 1831 and 1835, John & Mary Steele bought parts of the land at the town centre which had been granted by the Crown to John Ogden in 1809. The simplicity and interior detailing of this house relate to an earlier period. The architectural treatment of the exterior and interior has an intricacy not usually seen in century homes in this area. This hypothesis seems to be supported by a letter written by Mary Steele to her friend Susan Greeley on 7 February 1831 which hints that perhaps she was hiring a girl to help in her house:


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"My haste must apologize for my abruptness while I say that I would like to get that girl Miss Smith and that I would wish her to begin next week with me if possible perhaps better to say come on Saturday as I would never encourage going or coming on the Sabbath. I forgot to mention I should expect to pay her out of the store and of course to let her get shoes and the like where we are dealing. Please give my best regards to your dear mother"

In 1843, John and Mary Steele moved from Colborne to a red brick house beside Mary's father, Thomas Spalding of Grafton. (those twin Georgian houses still stand on the South side of Hwy 2 in Grafton). The historical name for 3 King Street West, is the "Thornton Residence", though the Thorntons lived in the house for only nine years. However, the Thorntons and the Scougales were related and the Scougale family and their descendents owned the house for 101 years. In 1927 the Gordon Block on King Street west of Division Street – next door to 3 King Street West – was the Scougale Brothers Ladies' Clothing store. The commercial frontage was shared with a tailor named G. Cornwell, who reportedly continued to do business there into his 90s. The house appears to be one and a half stories from the exterior, and it is an example of how building style was influenced by taxation in the Ontario of the day. Taxes were based on building materials, number of stories and number of fireplaces. The house would have been taxed at the rate for one and one half stories in spite of the fact that it has two full floors.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES:

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of The Thornton House include:

- Size, form and massing
- Large central fireplace in the Federal style, and 8 sq. ft. chimney
- "12 x 12" double hung sash windows
- Large Palladian window in the front gable