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TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

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August 25, 1986

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
2nd Floor
77 Bloor Street West
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Attention: Mr. J. White, Chairman

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Building Designation under Part IV of
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980
Queenston Community Centre c.1840's
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(6)(a)(ii) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, enclosed herewith please find a certified copy of By-law No. 1686-86 being a by-law to designate the Queenston Community Centre under Part IV of the Act.

Yours very truly,

Robert G. Howse
Town Clerk
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DATED: August 18, 1986

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
BY-LAW NO. 1686-86

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE QUEENSTON
COMMUNITY CENTRE, 32 QUEENSTON STREET, QUEENSTON
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC
VALUE AND INTEREST.

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VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974,
authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws
to designate real property, including all buildings
and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic
value or interest; and


WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of
Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owners
of the lands and premises known as The Queenston Community
Centre at 32 Queenston Street, Queenston, and upon the
Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to
so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused
such notice of intention to be published in the same
newspaper having general circulation in the municipality
once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in
Schedule "B" hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation
has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town
of Niagara-on-the-Lake enacts as follows:

1. THERE is designated as being of architectural and
historic value and interest the real property known
as The Queenston Community Centre at 32 Queenston Street,
Queenston, more particularly described in Schedule "A"
hereto.
2. THE municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to
cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against
the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the
proper land registry office.

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3. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owners of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1986

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1986


LORD MAYOR


TOWN CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW NO. 1686-86
THE QUEENSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
32 QUEENSTON STREET, QUEENSTON

ALL and SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being formerly in the Township of Niagara, in the County of Lincoln, now in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, parcel 181-1 section C.P. 1 in the Land Titles Division of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and being composed of part of Lot 181, Corporation Plan No. 1 Queenston, designated as Part 1 on a plan of survey of record in the Land Titles Office of St. Catharines as L.R. 1172.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO BY-LAW NO. 1686-86

Statement of the reasons for the proposed designation

Queenston Community Centre c.1840's
32 Queenston Street, Queenston
Lot 181, Corporation Plan No. 1
formerly in the Township of Niagara
now in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Queenston Community Centre was originally built between 1842 and 1845 as a Baptist Church near the south-east corner of Queenston and Dumfries Streets in the former Village of Queenston. The building is an early and interesting example of the Gothic Revival Style in the province. It is a rectangular one-storey building with a full basement, oriented east/west and constructed of rough-cut limestone. The westerly wall of the building features a slight projection including the main entrance door which gives the building the effect of having a tower. Originally the building had three gothic windows on each of the north and south walls, the middle window on the south side of the building has now been removed and completely blocked in. One gothic window flanks either side of the gothic-shaped main door. The main door is recessed into the tower projection on the west wall. A recessed rectangular door is located below the north window on the west wall, to access the basement level of the building. Two basement windows remain on the north wall of the building. Two basement windows on the south side of the building have been removed and are now blocked in.

The building has a low-pitch wood shingle gable roof. A unique elliptical window located directly above the main door in the tower of the building is a distinctive feature.

The building was purchased by the Women's Institute in 1928 and used by that group until it was subsequently sold to Mrs. Anthony in 1953. Mrs. Anthony sold the building to Dr. Afrukhteh in 1970 who on February 18, 1972 gave the building to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake on the condition that it be used as a public library. The building is now used as a public library and for community fitness programs and meetings.