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CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS

BY-LAW 1985-08

A By-Law to designate certain properties
in the Village of Hastings, under
The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974

WHEREAS, under authority of the Ontario Heritage Act,
1974, Municipalities may designate certain properties
as being of historic or architectural significance

THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Hastings
enacts as follows;

The following property is designated as being of historic
or architectural significance.


THE PROPERTY - THE FOWLDS HOUSE, 133 Front Street

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of
land and premises situate, lying and being within
the Village of Hastings in the County of Northumberland
and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot
51 in Block "M" of Plan 33 of the Village of Hastings.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION


The house was built for William Fowlds, one of the
original permanent residents of the Village of Hastings
in 1859-1860 by McDowell & Bartley. It is a fine
example of the type of houses built in that era.
The brick is locally made, on site at the time of
construction.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7th day of October, 1985


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Reeve


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Clerk

Read a THIRD and FINAL time this 7th day of October, 1985


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Reeve


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Clerk

133 Front Street West, Hastings
“Lowden Hill”

Lowden Hill is one and one-half storey residential building located on the north side of the Trent River on the north side of Front Street West in the former Village of Hastings in the Municipality of Trent Hills.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

McDonnell and Bartley built “Lowden Hill” in 1859 for William Fowlds, another of Henry Fowlds Senior’s sons.

The design derives from the ubiquitous Ontario cottage. The arched window in the gable and the projecting bay windows flanking the front door demonstrate a certain sophistication and formality. Note that one of the openings in the left bay window is a door. Local folklore suggests that this was used for family wakes. Although a lumberman, William Fowlds continued his father’s desire to building in sturdy multi-layer brick, indicating his wealth and station in the community. Following family tradition, the staircase to the upstairs is through the kitchen in the back of the house.

“Lowden Hill” was designated a Trent Hills Heritage Property in 2002.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of 133 Front Street West as an Ontario cottage in the Gothic Revival style -

- Cut limestone foundation
- Double wall brick construction
- Wooden return eaves with cove moulding on fascia and under the soffit
- The ground floor windows are nine over six, double hung sash with wood sills
- The second floor in the gable is the original arched fanlight above a replacement of the casement window
- Two corbelled red brick chimneys, one at each gable end of the house
- The front door is a four-paneled set with sidelights and glazed transom – paneled reveals surround the doorway