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May 15, 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, May 7, 2024 – By-Law Number 2024-206; A By-Law to Designate the property at 281 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*

At the regular meeting on May 7, 2024, Council gave three readings to By-Law Number 2024-206; A By-Law to Designate the property at 281 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Attached please find By-Law Number 2024-206, and the Notice of Passing.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Jaynes
City Clerk
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Encl. By-Law Number 2024-206
Notice of Passing

C.C. Ontario Heritage Trust
Ryan Leary, Heritage Planner

**Notice of Passing By-Laws to Designate
The following properties to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to
the Provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18)**

Take Notice that under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, By-Law Numbers 2024-199, 2024-200, 2024-205, 2024-206, 2024-207, 2024-208, 2024-209, 2024-210, 2024-211 and 2024-323 were passed by Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston and approved by Mayoral Decision Number 2024-14 on May 7, 2024 to designate the following lands to be of cultural heritage value and interest:

112 Ordnance Street (Part Lot 413 Original Survey Kingston City Part 1 13R16746; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Crowley House; and

114 Ordnance Street (Part Lot 413 Original Survey Kingston City, as in FR627659; S/T & T/W FR627659; Subject to an Easement over Part 1, 13R2702 in Favour of Parts 2-4, 13R2702 as in FC225922; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Ordnance Street Terrace; and

2045 Middle Road (Part Lot 13 Con 2 Pittsburgh Part 1, 13R15440; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Clarke House;

281 Princess Street (Part Lot 328 Original Survey Kingston City as in FR284763; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as Turk's Furniture Store;

322 Division Street (Part Lot 24 Block PP Con 1 Kingston as in FR303826 Except the Easement therein; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac);

3578 Highway 38 (Part Lot 5 Con 7 Western Addition Kingston as in FR306279 Lying North of FR692323; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Vanluven Farmstead;

390 King Street East / 42 Queen Street (Part Lot 93 Original Survey Kingston City; Part Lot 100 Original Survey Kingston City as in FR447579; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac);

3994 Howes Road (Part Lot 9 Con 5 Western Addition Kingston Part 3 13R549; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Stevens Farmhouse;

75-77 Princess Street / 52-56 Queen Street (Lot 105 Original Survey Kingston City; Lot 106 Original Survey Kingston City; Part Lot 100 Original Survey Kingston City; Part Lot 3 Plan C4 Kingston City as in FR390311 S/T & T/W FR390311; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Moore Building; and

84 Yonge Street (Lot 39 W/S Yonge St, Plan 54; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the McCammon Bakery.

Additional information, including a full description of the reasons for designation is available upon request from Ryan Leary, Senior Heritage Planner, Heritage Services at 613-546-4291, extension 3233, or at rleary@cityofkingston.ca during regular business hours.

Any person who objects to one or more of these By-laws may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by giving the Tribunal and the City Clerk, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-Law(s) and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

Dated at the City of Kingston

Janet Jaynes, City Clerk

This 14th day of May, 2024

City of Kingston

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on May 7, 2024

Written approval of this by-law was given on May 7, 2024 by Mayoral Decision Number 2024-14

(Clause 1, Report Number 31, March 5, 2024)

By-Law Number 2024-206

A By-Law to Designate the property at 281 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Passed: May 7, 2024

Whereas:

Subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 (the "*Ontario Heritage Act*") authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality, including buildings and structures on the property, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

The *property* was listed on the register established pursuant to Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in 2013;

On February 21, 2024, Council of the City of Kingston ("*Council*") consulted with its municipal heritage committee regarding the designation of the property municipally known as Turk's Furniture Store at 281 Princess Street (the "*property*") in accordance with subsection 29(2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

On March 5, 2024 *Council* caused notice of its intention to designate the *property* to be given to the owner of the *property* and to the Ontario Heritage Trust (the "*Trust*"), and on May 7, 2024 notice of the intent to designate the *property* was published in The Kingston Whig-Standard, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Kingston; and


No notice of objection to the proposed designation was served on the municipal Clerk (the "*Clerk*") of the Corporation of the City of Kingston (the "*City*") within the time prescribed by subsection 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Therefore, *Council* enacts:

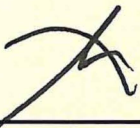
1. The *property* is designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest, as more particularly described in Schedule "A" of this by-law.
2. A copy of this by-law will be registered against the *property* in the appropriate land registry office. The *Clerk* is authorized to serve a copy of this by-law on the owner of the *property* and the *Trust*, and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in The Kingston Whig-Standard.

3. The *City* reserves the right to install a designation recognition plaque on the *property*, in a location and style determined by the *City* in consultation with the owner.
4. This by-law will come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

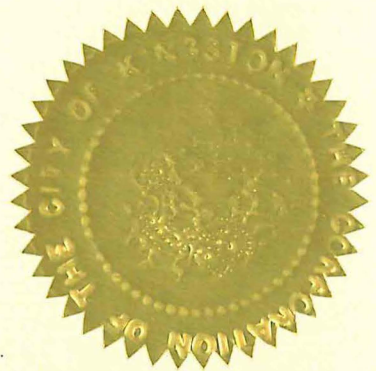
Given All Three Readings and Passed: May 7, 2024



Janet Jaynes
City Clerk



Bryan Paterson
Mayor



Schedule "A"
Description and Criteria for Designation
Turk's Furniture Store

Civic Address: 281 Princess Street
Legal Description: Part Lot 328 Original Survey Kingston City as in FR284763;
City of Kingston, County of Frontenac
Property Roll Number: 1011 030 080 05600 0000

Introduction and Description of Property

Turk's Furniture Store at 281 Princess Street is located on the north side of the street, between Clergy and Sydenham Streets in downtown Kingston. The 6-metre wide, 240 square metre property is completely covered by the subject building, a two-storey brick commercial building constructed circa 1890.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Statement of Significance

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

The two-storey brick building is an example of a purpose-built commercial building from the late 19th century. The subject building was built on a 6-metre-wide lot with the primary design features located at the store frontage on its southern elevation. The prominent bay window rising to the roofline, for example, is consistent with a building designed as a store rather than a residence. The brick wall has a stucco finish on the front wall only, with shallow recessed panels above the second-floor windows that echo the drip molds of the window trim below. The roof cornice has prominent decorative brackets and a simple frieze that also copies the decorative window molds. The main floor windows have lost much of their original decorative trim but retain their large storefront size.

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

Turk's Furniture Store is associated with the Jewish-Canadian settlement area along this portion of Princess Street between Clergy and Bagot and its surrounding residential neighbourhood, which was established in the 19th century and known locally as Little Jerusalem. Jewish families leaving Europe chose Kingston in which to settle since other friends or relatives settled here, an important consideration when immigrating, especially for a population with close religious and family ties. In 1897 the Jewish Congregation purchased property for a cemetery, which represents the official start of the

congregation, and in 1910 the first Synagogue – Beth Israel Synagogue – was built at 148 Queen Street (demolished in 1961), just a block east of the subject property.

As is typical of diaspora, the Jewish population tended to live close to where they worked. In this case, the businesses were located along Princess Street, with a high concentration between Clergy and Sydenham Street, including the Turk's Furniture Store.

The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

This property has important associative value with Jacob and Ann Turk who settled in Kingston from Russia in the late 1800s. They opened a used furniture shop at 281 Princess Street in 1902. The property was eventually purchased by Jacob Turk in 1915 from Isaac Cohen and Max Susman. Jacob was a founding member of the Beth Israel Synagogue and acted as its president from 1919 to 1920 and an active member of the Oddfellows Relief Association. Ann was also very involved in Beth Israel as a member of the women's Zionist organization Hadassah. The first Hadassah Bazaar (an annual fund-raising event) in Kingston was held in the windows of Turk's Furniture Store in 1953. Turk's Furniture Store remained in the Turk family for four generations until it closed in 2012.

The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.

Turk's Furniture Store has contextual value as it supports and maintains the historic and eclectic commercial character of lower Princess Street.

The building's narrow frontage, distinctive bay window and deep cornice, makes this property a landmark along Princess Street for its unique design.

Heritage Attributes

Key exterior elements that contribute to the property's cultural heritage value include its:

- Two-storey height and brick construction with projecting two-storey bay on the front/southern elevation;
- Bracketed roof cornice with recessed panels below;
- Large, arched window openings on the second floor, complete with drip-mold/lintels and engaged columns between the windows, seated on a continuous sill; and
- Large shop window opening with off-set doorway separated by engaged columns, of which one is an original decorative column.

Non-Heritage Attributes

Elements that are not included in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value of the property include:

- All interior features; and
- Massing to the rear of the main southern elevation.