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Office of the City Clerk

July 19, 2024

Via email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, July 9, 2024 – By-Law Number 2024-306; A By-Law to Designate the Property at 3578 Unity Road to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*

At the regular meeting on July 9, 2024, Council gave three readings to By-Law Number 2024-305; A By-Law to Designate the Property at 3578 Unity Road to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Attached please find By-Law Number 2024-306, and the Notice of Passing.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Jaynes
City Clerk
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Encl. By-Law Number 2024-306
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 Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, By-Law Numbers 2024-304, 2024-305, 2024-306, 2024-313, 2024-314, 2024-315, 2024-316, 2024-317, 2024-318, 2024-319, 2024-320, 2024-321, and 2024-322 were passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston and approved by Mayoral Decision Number 2024-18 on July 9, 2024 to designate the following lands to be of cultural heritage value and interest:

605-607 Bagot Street (Lots 1-2 Plan D9, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac);

45 Charles Street (Lot 3 Plan D9, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Calvary Church;

384 Division Street (Part Lot 8 W/S Division Street Plan A13 Kingston City as in FR335913 Except Part 1 13R19840; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Hoagie House;

3578 Unity Road (Part Lot 4 Con 6 Western Addition Kingston as in FR615351 Except Part 6 EXPROP Plan RP1562; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Raycroft Farmhouse;

1553 Sunnyside Road (Part Lot 21 Con 4 Kingston Part 2, 4 & 6 13R5186; S/T TKZ18724; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Fairbanks Farmhouse;

265 King Street East (Part Lot 87 Original Survey Kingston City as in FR365246; S/T FR365246; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Connell Building;

275 King Street East (Part Lot 64 Original Survey Kingston City; Part Lot 87 Original Survey Kingston City; Part 2 13R822; T/W FR693675; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Wire Works Building;

2785 Lee Road (Part Lot 7-8 Con 7 Kingston as in FR201027 & FR206995 Lying East of FR572023 except FR206996 & FR261437; Description may not be acceptable in future as in FR201027; S/T the Rights of Owners of Adjoining Parcels, if any, under FR261437 & FR727675; S/T TKY17537; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac);

375 Maple Ridge Drive (Part Lot 4, Plan 682, Parts 4, 5 & 6, 13R18691; S/T Easement in Favour of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Kingston over Part 4, 13R18691 as in FR88315; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Carolan Farmhouse;

730 Hillview Road (Part Lot 2 Con 2 Kingston as in FR642683; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the John Grass Jr. House;

149 Brock Street (Part Lot 1 N/S Brock St Plan Selma Subdivision Kingston City Part 2 13R2296; S/T interest in FR689524; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the McKay Fur House;

161 Brock Street (Part Lot 2 N/S Brock St Plan Selma Subdivision Kingston City as in FR486361; T/W FR718826, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Norris House;

319 King Street West (Part Farm Lot 22 Con 1 Kingston as in FR639441 Except the Easement therein; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac);

321 King Street West (Part Farm Lot 22 Con 1 Kingston as in FR226735 Except the Easement therein; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac); and

347 Wellington Street (Part Cataraqui Ordnance Water Lot Kingston Part 1, 13R9796 S/T FR393688; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac), known as the Davis Dry Dock.

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 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 16th day of July, 2024

City of Kingston

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on July 9, 2024

Written approval of this by-law was given on July 9, 2024 by Mayoral Decision Number 2024-18

Clause 1, Report Number 63

By-Law Number 2024-306

A By-Law to Designate the property at 3578 Unity Road to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Passed: July 9, 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 2016;

On March 20, 2024, Council of the City of Kingston ("*Council*") consulted with its municipal heritage committee regarding the designation of the property municipally known as the Raycroft Farmhouse at 3578 Unity Road (the "*property*") in accordance with subsection 29(2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

On April 2, 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 14, 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: July 9, 2024



Janet Jaynes
City Clerk



Bryan Paterson
Mayor



Schedule "A"
Description and Criteria for Designation
Raycroft Farmhouse

Civic Address: 3578 Unity Road
Legal Description: Part Lot 4 Con 6 Western Addition Kingston as in FR615351
Except Part 6 EXPROP Plan RP1562; City of Kingston,
County of Frontenac
Property Roll Number: 1011 080 230 04700

Introduction and Description of Property

The Raycroft Farmhouse, located at 3578 Unity Road, is situated on the north side of the road, in the former Township of Kingston, now part of the City of Kingston. This 6.5-hectare rural property contains a one-and-a-half storey limestone Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage style farmhouse built in the 1860s for farmers Willam and Mary Raycroft.

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 property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

William Raycroft and his wife Mary Burnside were born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada in the early 1800s. They obtained a Crown Patent for the property in 1864; however, they appear to have been living on the property as early as 1851. William and Mary Raycroft operated a successful farm, employing labourers, and raised their eight children in the stone dwelling. William died in 1885, but his family continued to live on and farm the property until 1900 when it was sold.

The farmhouse is representative of the Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage, as demonstrated through the symmetrical façade, median-pitched gable roof with twin chimneys at the roof peak, one on each end of the house, and a front elevation that includes a central gable, featuring an arched window opening. The building is well-crafted, with a demonstrable attention to construction methods and materials. Particularly notable is the evenly coursed limestone construction and fine masonry work on the façade.

The centrally located front entranceway is flanked by large window openings, which is typical of the Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage style. All window and door openings have tall stone voussoirs and stone sills. The west elevation includes two bays each featuring large window openings.

A one storey wing extends from the east elevation and features a medium-pitch side gable roof and a verandah with a shed roof that runs the length of the wing's façade, covering a central entrance flanked by windows. The wing also has a limestone chimney at the gable end.

Despite displaying architectural elements common to the style, the Raycroft Farmhouse also demonstrates several unusual elements. For example, its oversized flat-headed main entrance, slightly recessed with side lights and transom. The entrance and flanking window openings have flat heads embellished with tall stone voussoirs. The central window opening above the main entrance however has a dramatic half round arch with radiating stone voussoirs.

The main dwelling also includes a large rear (north side) addition and several detached farm outbuildings, which are not identified as supporting the heritage value of the property.

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 physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

The Raycroft Farmhouse supports the agricultural character of the area through its Ontario Gothic Revival style, which was a common design in Ontario farmhouse construction during the second half of the 19th century. In addition, the generous setback of the residence reflects similar residential sitings along Unity Road between Quabbin Road and Rock Road. The property also shares a visual and historical relationship with its surroundings and is an important part of the historical rural context of the area.

Heritage Attributes

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

- One-and-a-half storey limestone construction with medium-pitch side gable roof with a central medium-pitch front gable;
- Semi-circular arched window opening and a stone sill located in the central gable;
- Symmetrical front façade with a central entranceway flanked by window openings;
- Large entranceway, slightly recessed, with sidelights, a transom and radiating limestone voussoirs;
- Two chimneys, one at each gable end; and
- One storey wing on the east elevation with medium-pitch side gable roof with stone chimney, a verandah with a shed roof that runs the length of the front façade over symmetrical openings.

Non-Heritage Attributes

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

- Various detached outbuildings and structures.