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PART LOT 312 ORIGINAL SURVEY KINGSTON CITY BEING PARTS 1 & 3 PLAN 13R1599 TOGETHER WITH EASMENT OVER PART LOT 312 ORIGINAL SURVEY KINGSTON CITY BEING PART 2 PLAN 13R1599 AS IN FR643387 & FR643386; CITY OF KINGSTON

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Applicant(s)

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

Name

Address for Service

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON

216 Ontario Street, Kingston, ON K7L 2Z3

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation Bryan Paterson, Mayor and Janet Jaynes, City Clerk.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

Statements

This application is based on the Municipality By-law See Schedules.

Signed By

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acting for  
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I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s).

Submitted By

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Statutory Registration Fee

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\$69.00

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Applicant Client File Number :

LEG-G01-001-2021



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I, **Janet Jaynes**, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of **By-Law Number 2023-88, "A By-Law to Designate the Oddfellows Block at 237-241 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)"**, which By-Law was passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston on June 20, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Jaynes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dated** at Kingston, Ontario  
this 29th day of June, 2023

**Janet Jaynes, Acting City Clerk**  
The Corporation of the City of Kingston

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**By-Law Number 2023-88**

**A By-Law To Designate the Oddfellows Block at 237-241 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)**

**Passed:** June 20, 2023

**Whereas** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**Whereas** Council has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee and has approved the designation of the property located at 237-241 Princess Street, also known as the Oddfellows Block (Part Lot 312 Original Survey Kingston City Being Parts 1 & 3 Plan 13R1599 Together with Easement Over Part Lot 312 Original Survey Kingston City Being Part 2 Plan 13R1599 as in FR643387 & FR643386, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac) on April 19, 2023; and

**Whereas** a notice of intention to designate the property has been published in *The Kingston Whig-Standard*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, on May 11, 2023; and

**Whereas** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Kingston.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts the following:

1. To designate as being of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in the City of Kingston: 237-241 Princess Street, also known as the Oddfellows Block, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law;
2. A copy of the designating by-law shall be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in *The Kingston Whig-Standard*;

3. For the purpose of interpretation, the term 'Maintenance' will include the following definition (or as otherwise defined in the City's Procedural By-law for Heritage): "Maintenance means routine, cyclical, non-destructive actions, necessary to slow the deterioration of a Protected Heritage Properties, including the following: periodical inspection; property cleanup; gardening and repair of landscape features; replacement of glass in broken windows; minor exterior repairs, including replacement of asphalt shingles where there is little or no change in colour or design; repainting where there is little or no change in colour; re-pointing areas of wall space under 1.5 square metres; caulking and weatherproofing."
4. The City reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel; and
5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

**Given First and Second Readings: May 2, 2023**

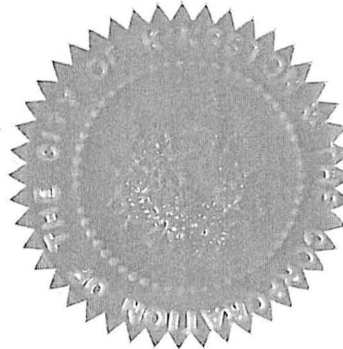
**Given Third Reading and Passed: June 20, 2023**



**Janet Jaynes**  
**Acting City Clerk**



**Bryan Paterson**  
**Mayor**



**Schedule "A"****Description and Reasons for Designation****Oddfellows Block**

Civic Address: 237-241 Princess Street

Legal Description: Part Lot 312 Original Survey Kingston City Being Parts 1 & 3 Plan 13R1599 Together with Easement Over Part Lot 312 Original Survey Kingston City Being Part 2 Plan 13R1599 as in FR643387 & FR643386; City of Kingston, County of Frontenac.

Property Roll Number: 1011 030 080 08800 0000

**Introduction and Description of Property**

The Oddfellows Block is located at 237-241 Princess Street and 179 Sydenham Street in the City of Kingston. It is situated on the northeast corner of Sydenham and Princess Streets. The property consists of a two-storey red-brick commercial building constructed in 1891.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Statement of Significance***Physical/Design Value*

The Oddfellows Block has design value as an excellent example of an Italianate commercial building. Typical of this style are the arched windows on the second storey with brick hood moulds and rusticated keystones. These arched windows are found at the corners of the Sydenham and Princess Street elevations and add to the imposing nature of the building. All the windows on the second storey are recessed, have rusticated stone sills and are separated by brick pilasters. Above the second storey windows is a projecting cornice with dentils, which is topped by three decorative insets featuring lion heads along the Princess Street elevation.

*Historical/Associative Value*

The Oddfellows Block has historic associative value through its connection with the Oddfellows Relief Association and Power & Son architecture firm. This group of men (the women's equivalent is called the Rebekahs) are a social group with Christian roots. The building was constructed in 1891 and served as home to the Oddfellows Relief Association until 1900 when they moved to King Street.

The Oddfellows Block was designed by architects Power & Son, a prominent Kingston architectural firm that designed many buildings in Kingston including commercial, ecclesiastical, residential and institutional. Nearby works include St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (at Princess and Clergy Streets) built in 1888-89, new Sunday School and enlargement for the Sydenham Street Methodist Church in 1887. Notable

works in the greater Kingston area include several Queen's University buildings and the new dome and cupola for the Kingston City Hall (1909). The use of arcading on the second level and the use of pillars to constrain these arches within a rectangular framework is typical of Power & Son architectural style.

The Oddfellows Block has been home to numerous educational and commercial enterprises. The second storey of the building has had various tenants throughout the years including: Kingston Business College beginning in 1894 and Kingston Domestic Science School in the early 20th century. The main floor served various commercial businesses including: the Rathburn Flour and Feed Company, Vincent Ockley & Sons Grocers and J.Y. Parkhill's Wholesale Produce operation and in the 1960s it was home to the Imperial Commerce Bank.

#### *Contextual Value*

For a brief period of time this building housed an undertaker. This corner of Princess and Sydenham Streets hosted three other undertakers at various points in history (who all operated cabinet making or furniture making business in tandem): James Reid was located directly across the street (254 Princess Street), an immediate neighbour was Henry Brame (249-251 Princess Street), and lastly, down the street was Frederick C. Marshall (259 Princess Street). The Oddfellows Block is an important historic link to its surroundings and past uses.

The Oddfellows Block has contextual value as a significant part of the commercial core of Kingston. It is located prominently at the corner of Sydenham and Princess Street. Its corner location and imposing architecture make it a visual anchor along both streets. Sydenham and Princess Streets host several other buildings of roughly the same age and style. The buildings on this section of Princess Street are located at the front of their lots. This creates a streetwall, typical of commercial areas. The streets' historic buildings vary in height from one-and-a-half to three stories and the construction materials include red-brick and limestone. This variety creates a visually appealing and diverse streetscape for which the Oddfellows Block aids in maintaining.

#### **Cultural Heritage Attributes**

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

- Two-storey red-brick construction with flat roof, and decorative brick detailing including its:
  - large flat and arched window openings on second storey,
  - rusticated stone sills and brick pilasters, keystones and hood moulds,
  - projecting cornice with dentils above the second storey windows;
  - three decorative insets with lion heads above the projecting cornice on the Princess Street elevation;
  - entablature between the first and second storey; and
  - cornerstone that reads "Oddfellow's Block Erected A.D. 1891" above which are three rings;

- Situation of building close to the lot line that forms part of the streetwall along Princess Street; and
- Location on the northeast corner of Sydenham and Princess Streets.

**Non-cultural Heritage Attributes**

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

- Interior features; and
- Glassed rear addition (2021) fronting Sydenham Street.