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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW No. 78-363

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BY-LAW read a first, second and third  
time and passed this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 19 78

 Clerk

# CERTIFIED COPY

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A By-law to designate the Oille Fountain at King and James Street of historic interest.

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

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Oille Fountain at King and James Streets 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 a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the Oille Fountain at King and James Streets.
2. The City 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.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.

PASSED this

*10th*

day of

*October*

1978.

*[Signature]*  
CLERK.

*[Signature]*  
MAYOR.

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara formerly in the County of Lincoln, and being composed of Lot No. 708 according to the Plan of the City of St. Catharines filed in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln as Corporation Plan No. 2.

I CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A  
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL  
DOCUMENT OF WHICH IT PURPORTS TO BE A  
COPY.

Dated this *11th* day of *October* 1978



*Deputy* *DeLoe Pabon*  
CLERK OF THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

SCHEDULE 'B'

SIGNIFICANCE

In 1878 the Mayor of St. Catharines, Dr. Lucius S. Oille, donated three horse watering troughs and a fountain to the city. Dr. Oille had been the Chairman of the committee to establish the waterworks and was also elected to serve on the first Waterworks Commission.

The fountain stands intact at the corner of King and James Streets outside the Court House building. A recent bronze plaque on the King Street side of the fountain identifies the donor:

PRESENTED  
TO THE CITY OF  
ST. CATHARINES  
BY  
LUCIUS S. OILLE DR.  
MAYOR  
1878

DESCRIPTION

The Oille Fountain is an 8 foot tall, 2 foot square, carved-stone monument in the Classical style. Around the base is a plinth housing a semi-circular drinking basin for pets and surmounted by a rectangular base some 2 feet high, topped by a narrow belt course. At this height, two projecting stone fountain bowls occupy opposite sides. Both bowls are fed by carved lions' heads with water emerging from the mouths; patrons drank from tin cups suspended from chains.

Above this height the fountain has corner pilasters supporting intersecting moulded arches forming the top of the monument. The fountain is topped with a stone flower urn specifically designated by the donor for geraniums