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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 86-50

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BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and passed this 17th day of February 1986.



CLERK

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WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, 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 No. 201-207 St. Paul Street 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 architectural and historic value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as No. 201-207 St. Paul Street.
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 17TH day of February 1986.

Thomas L. O'Connell
CLERK.

Joseph L. M'Carthy
MAYOR.

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 86-50

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 the whole of Lot 461 according to a compiled plan of the City of St. Catharines registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln, now Niagara North, as Corporation Plan No. 2.///



THE RUSSELL HOTEL

ADDRESS: 201 - 207 St. Paul Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (a) Present - Part Lot 461, Corporation Plan 2
(b) Past - Lot 1, Stinson Estate, Part Lot 18,
Concession 6, Grantham

BUILT: Circa 1843

BUILDER: Unknown -

PRESENT OWNER AND USE: [REDACTED]

ORIGINAL OWNER AND USE: Francis Stinson

SIGNIFICANCE

The Russell Hotel (originally known as the Russell House) was built about 1843 for Samuel Stinson. It was undoubtedly a tavern from the start, since Stinson is listed in the St. Catharines Journal of February 16, 1843, as the holder of a liquor license valued at £7 s.10.

Stinson was murdered in 1846, according to the Journal, and the Russell passed into the hands of his son, Francis. Francis Stinson kept a grocery store in the lower floor of the building, as is evidenced by the 1863 directory. The building was mortgaged to James Cairns in 1859 and at some time between that date and 1884 Stinson was forced to sell it to Cairns. For a short while the Russell may have been called the Cairns House.

The next reference to the Russell House occurred in 1874 when William Green, the proprietor, offered rooms to rent at a "fare reduced to \$1.75 daily".

Board of Trade records for 1901 show "Russell House Barbershop - James Haynes, Proprietor".

The past 80 years has only seen four owners for the Russell House - the Quinn family, John O'Keffe whose father purchased it during prohibition and who sold it in 1968 to a holding company, who in turn sold it to Emery Sargeant. The current owner is [REDACTED].

DESCRIPTION

The Russell Hotel is a three-and-a-half storey commercial building with a broad three-storey wing added to the rear. The first floor of the original building has been completely modernized for commercial purposes between 1905 and 1930. The remainder of the exterior is still close to the original.

The front facade on the second floor is seven bays wide with one large plate glass window in the centre, and three double-hung windows to each side. The third floor has eight double-hung windows. Each window has a shaped and decorated lintel and a decorated lugsill of wood.

Access to the hotel is gained through a narrow hall and stairway. Suspended over the doorway is a glass and metal canopy, supported by chains.

The building has a gable roof opening on James Street and ending in pediments with concrete caps and chimneys on top. A pediment is located at both ends of the block and near the centre, on the right half of the building. The eaves project very slightly and are decorated with modillions and pendants on the frieze.

The wing to the rear is of a compatible architectural style and was probably added shortly after the original wing.

The right side of the building is a party wall, shared with the next block.

REFERENCES