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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

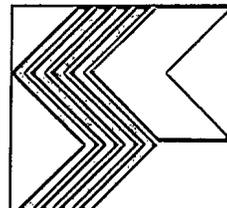
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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
Rear (Inner) Range Light and
Front (Outer) Range Light
File No. 10.64.158

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of April 28, 1997 passed a by-law designating the above-noted properties under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 97-125 and By-law 97-126 are enclosed for your records. Please discard By-law 110 and By-law 111 previously provided to you in this matter as they contain incorrect legal descriptions.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5600, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski,
Secretary-Treasurer,
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

c.c A. Poulin, City Solicitor
K. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 97-125

A By-law to designate the Inner Range Lighthouse in Port Dalhousie Harbour to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served on the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the rear (inner) range lighthouse, and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

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

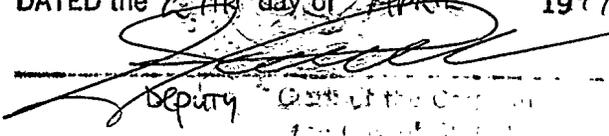
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality.

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

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as the rear (inner) range lighthouse, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 97-125 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 29th day of April 1997

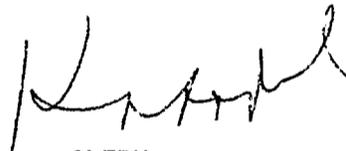

Deputy Clerk of the Corporation

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 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.

4. That By-law No. 97-111 be and the same is hereby repealed.

Read a first time this 28TH day of APRIL 1997.
Read a second time this 28TH day of APRIL 1997.
Read a third time and passed this 28TH day of APRIL 1997.


CLERK


MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-125

City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, former Township of Grantham, being part of the public lands under the waters of Lake Ontario within those boundaries shown on a plan and field notes of survey dated June 22, 1979, signed by P. Pavlin, Ontario Land Surveyor, of Record in the Ministry of Natural Resources as Water Lot Location DT-116 and designated as Part 11, on Reference Plan 30R-6842.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-125

SUMMARY

The rear (inner) range light was designated because of its historical associations with the Welland Canal, the quality of its architecture, and its significance as a local landmark.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The rear (inner) range light was built in 1898 for the Department of Marine and Fisheries. It replaced two (2) previous lighthouses at this location that were replaced due to obsolescence (1852) and destruction by lightning (1893). It was constructed during the early years of Port Dalhousie's growth as a popular "maritime" recreational centre. For many years, the light was occupied and maintained by David Hunter, the lighthouse keeper.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The light is a four storey, octagonal building that tapers gently to an ornate thick cornice creating a small lookout. The octagonal shape is considered a rarity on the Great Lakes (there are only three others remaining). It is considered aesthetically more attractive than the front (outer) range light because of its greater height, sense of scale, and use of decorative architectural detailing. A small, circular rail surrounds the twelve-sided lantern, with similarly shaped metal roof and finial. Two, four pane double-hung windows with pedimented gables highlight the north and south facades. The crest of the door also has a pediment gable.

Unlike the front (outer) range light, this structure was constructed to be large enough to allow the keeper to work within the building (i.e. it was equipped with sleeping accommodation, cupboards, kitchen and control panel).

Changes to the exterior facade of the building have covered over a number of architectural features. Specifically, for years the walls were clad in decorative wood clapboard and shingles, detailed in white and red. This was changed in order to conform with standard navigational coding procedures for harbour entrances. In addition, some of the original windows (which were originally provided on all sides) have been covered over. The recent application of aluminium cladding has modified its earlier appearance and caused the loss of some original fabric.

The heritage character of the lighthouse would be enhanced by the restitution of missing or damaged architectural features, and the reinstatement of historically appropriate materials. Since the structure no longer functions as a navigational aid, such work could be undertaken without undermining the function of the former light.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The rear (inner) range light is a prominent structure on the edge of the eastern pier, close to Michigan Beach and the marina. Its location makes it more accessible and visible than the front (outer) range light.

The light is an important symbolic and visual landmark in Port Dalhousie and the greater area. Together with the front (outer) range light located approximately 1,500 feet to the north, this building was part of a dual light system, guiding vessels from Lake Ontario to the narrow harbour and Third Welland Canal. It ceased operating as a lightstation in 1988.