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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
Former Lake Street Fire Hall
113 Lake Street
File No. 10.64.160

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

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 97-236 are enclosed for your records.

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

Yours truly,

K. Blozowski

Kevin Blozowski,
Secretary-Treasurer,
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Encl.

c.c. A. Poulin, City Solicitor
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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 97-236

A By-law to designate the former Lake Street Fire Hall, 113 Lake Street, 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 upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the former Lake Street Fire Hall, 113 Lake Street, and upon 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 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 City of St. Catharines.

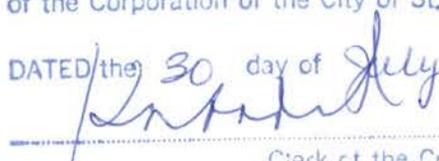
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as the former Lake Street Fire Hall, 113 Lake Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

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.

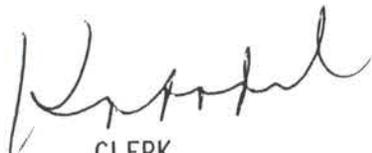
CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 97-236 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

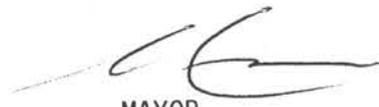
DATED the 30 day of July 1997


Clerk of the Corporation of
the City of St. Catharines

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.

Read a first time this 28th day of July 1997.
Read a second time this 28th day of July 1997.
Read a third time and passed this 28th day of July 1997.


CLERK


MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-236

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the County of Lincoln, and Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part Lot 1, as shown on Plan No. CY9, the boundaries of the said parcel being described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings are derived from the southerly limit of Albert Street, having a bearing of north 61 degrees 52 minutes East as shown on a plan attached to an Instrument registered in the said Land Registry Office as No. 76054, and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the intersection of the southerly limit of Albert Street with the westerly limit of Lake Street, as established by Municipal Survey;

THENCE South 2 degrees 12 minutes East along the said westerly limit of Lake Street, as established by the said Municipal Survey, 70.85 feet to a fence;

THENCE South 62 degrees 44 minutes West along the said fence 86.58 feet;

THENCE North 28 degrees 08 minutes West, 62.45 feet to a point in the southerly limit of Albert Street, distant 28.00 feet measured North 61 degrees 52 minutes East along the said southerly limit of Albert Street from the northwesterly corner of the said Lot 1;

THENCE North 61 degrees 52 minutes East along the said southerly limit of Albert Street, 117.55 feet more or less to the point of commencement;

Lands previously described in Instrument No. 307992.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Lake Street Fire Hall is one of the oldest remnant fire halls extant in the City of St. Catharines. It was opened on December 15, 1913 by Mayor Dr. William H. Merritt and presented to the Fire Department. With amalgamation in 1961, the fire hall closed in order to allow a larger, more modern facility to be built. It is interesting to notice that the building was constructed to accommodate a horse drawn hosewagon (illustrated in the frieze on the facade), but by 1920 a four-cylinder Reo fire truck was being used. The Reo fire truck was built in St. Catharines.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Lake Street fire hall was constructed of steel and masonry in the Neo Tudor Style. The architect was Thomas H. Wiley, whose work is considered important locally. Architectural features include: a traditional red brick facade laid in Flemish bond pattern; elaborate decorative painted wood cornice and frieze; original wood windows; decorative, rare circle muntin bars in windows; original stone fire hall signs over two doors; stone carving set in entablature over main door showing fire carriage being pulled by horses; stone plaques set in masonry showing fire fighting crest.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building is considered an important landmark in the neighbourhood and a visual 'anchor' at this corner.