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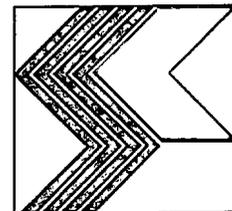
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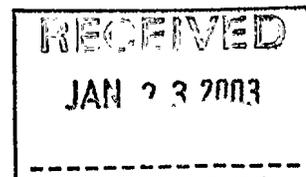
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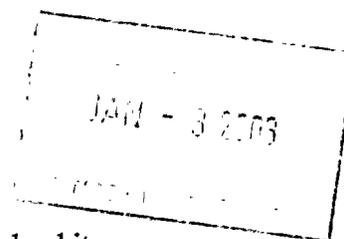
January 21, 2003

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To Whomever This May Concern:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate 183 King Street
Under the Ontario Heritage Act
File No. 10.64.150



Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of January 13, 2003, resolved its intention to designate the above noted lands under the Ontario Heritage Act.

In giving notice pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act I am enclosing a copy of a notice which is to be published in The Standard on February 8, 2003.

Subsequent to the 30 day appeal period required by the Ontario Heritage Act, provided no appeals are filed, City Council will enact a by-law designating the property as being of historic or architectural value and interest.

Please contact me at 905 688-5601, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Blozowski
Planner I

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines intends to designate property to be of historical or architectural value under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as follows:

183 KING STREET

Located on the west side of King Street, between Academy Street and Court Street, in the former County of Lincoln, now in the City of St. Catharines in the Regional Municipality of Niagara. The legal description of the property is Lot 319, Corporation Plan 2.

The following is a short statement of the reason for the proposed designation:

HISTORY

James Mills, the proprietor of a drug store on St. Paul Street and one of the founders of the St. Catharines Y.M.C.A. was the first owner of the house. The house was designed by architect S.G. Dolson and was built in 1868. Mills eldest son, David Bloss Mills, invested a few dollars to finance a man who was working on an auto spark plug. He later bought the rights to the spark plug and made a fortune selling the spark plug to General Motors. Much of his money was left in a charitable foundation to help the community. Both a wing in the St. Catharines General Hospital and the Davella Mills Carillon in Victoria Lawn Cemetery were built and named in memory of David Mills and his wife Ella C. Mills. The building was sold to Protestant Federation of Patriotic Women in 1924 and was later used as the Mills Memorial Home for Women. The building is currently owned and used by the YWCA of St. Catharines.

ARCHITECTURE

The structure is a two and one half storey, brick home built with Italianate design influences. It features a central tower and decorative roofline brackets, typical of the Italianate style. The tower has a mansard roof and semi-circular dormers. One of the most interesting features of this building are the oval windows set between two courses of white brick. This is located below the boxed cornice, decorative frieze and brackets of the roofline. The main floor windows are segmental with plain trim and a continuous stone sill. The upper windows are set in semi-circular frames. The main doorway has a fan transom and a panelled door. A large verandah, supported by sets of wooden columns, stretches across the entire front facade. This, however, is not the original porch.

CONTEXT

The house is located in the City's Central Neighbourhood. The property has been used for both residential and office uses since its construction in 1868. The west side of King Street, where the subject property is located is comprised of a number of late 19th century buildings. The building is considered to be a focal point in the local streetscape along this part of King Street.

Notice of Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.

For further details about the proposed designation, please contact Kevin Blozowski, at 905 688-5601, extension 1710.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2003.

Kenneth R. Todd
Director of Corporate Support Services
Clerks Division

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