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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of By-Law 909/91 to designate the property known municipally as The Cranston Post Office situated on Part of Lot 48, Concession 5-6, in the former Township of Oneida, now in the Town of Haldimand, in The Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, as being of historical and architectural value.

This by-law was passed on July 2nd, 1991.

Yours truly,

Janis Lankester,
Clerk.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALDIMAND

BY-LAW # 909/91

Being a By-law to designate the property known municipally as the Cranston Post Office situated on Part of Lot 48, Concession 5-6, in the former Township of Oneida, now in the Town of Haldimand, Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk as being of historical and architectural value.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Haldimand has caused to be served on the owners of the land and premises known as the Cranston Post Office, situated on Part of Lot 48, Concession 5 - 6, in the former Township of Oneida, now in the Town of Haldimand, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

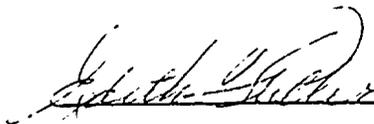
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Haldimand enacts as follows:

- 1) That the real property known as the Cranston Post Office situated on Part of Lot 48, Concession 5 - 6, in the former Township of Oneida, now in the Town of Haldimand, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, be designated as being of historical and architectural value or interest, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2) That a copy of this By-law will be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" hereto, in the proper land registry office.
- 3) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on The Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a first and second time this 2nd day of July, 1991.

READ a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of July, 1991.



 MAYOR



 CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

Reasons for Designation:

The house known as the Cranston Post Office was built in two parts. The older, rear part is a rare surviving example of an early settler's three-room plank cottage. It retains most of its original features including plain board-and-batten siding and plain sash windows and plank doors. The newer, front part of the house was built in a Victorian Gothic style with patterned brickwork, four gables, arched and shuttered windows, elaborate barge board, and ornate front bay window and verandah, both with bracketed cornices. Both parts of the house are excellent examples of their respective styles and periods, and both are unusually well preserved.

The Cranston Post Office was also an essential link between the backwoods settlers of Oneida and the rest of the world. This is where they received letters from the old country and gathered to discuss news from near and far. They also came here to obtain the services of a blacksmith. At least two of the post masters were also blacksmiths and their smithy stood next to the post office. All the other public and commercial buildings that once stood in the hamlet of Cranston are now gone; the Post Office alone survives to remind us of this once thriving rural hamlet and the 19th century lives that revolved around it.

The Cranston Post Office should be preserved for the education and enjoyment of future residents of the Town of Haldimand, for both architectural and historical reasons.

Architectural Items Designated:

Front part:

Two stove chimneys; roof; wooden barge board, fascia, and v-matched soffits; bracketed cornice above front bay window; all window sash, frames, and shutters; glass panes in bay window with names of former inhabitants scratched into them; front door; front verandah including roof, bracketed cornice, posts, and wooden floor and steps; and all masonry including patterned brick work and stone foundation.

Rear part:

One stove chimney; roof; fascia and soffit; board and batten siding; exterior doors and trim; and wooden window sash and frames.

SCHEDULE "B"

Part lot 48 (in the River Range), Concession 5 - 6, in the former Township of Oneida, now in the Town of Haldimand in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk.

Part 1 on Reference Plan 18R-1281.