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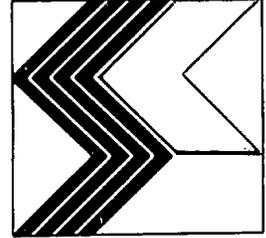
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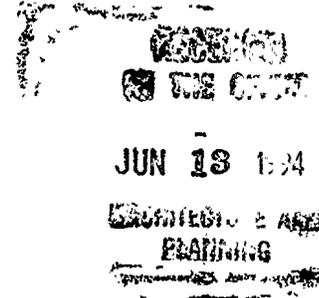
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THOMAS A.W. DERRECK  
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CITY CLERK



Dear Sir:

Re: Intention to Designate: Davella Mills Carillon  
Victoria Lawn Cemetery  
Part of Lot 9, Concession 7, for the Township  
of Grantham, now in the City of St. Catharines  
designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 30R-6816  
Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act  
File No: 10.64.145

Please be advised that this letter supersedes our previous correspondence in this matter dated May 17, 1994.

City Council, at its regular meeting of July 2, 1986, resolved to designate the above noted property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. In giving notice to the Foundation pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of the public notice which was published in the St. Catharines Standard on March 12, 19 and 26, 1994.

Please advise if the Foundation accepts notice as having been given in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. If we do not receive a reply within 21 days from the date of this letter, we will proceed to present a designating bylaw for City Council's consideration.

Should you have any comments, please contact Kevin Blozowski in the Planning Department at 688-5600, extension 710.

Yours truly

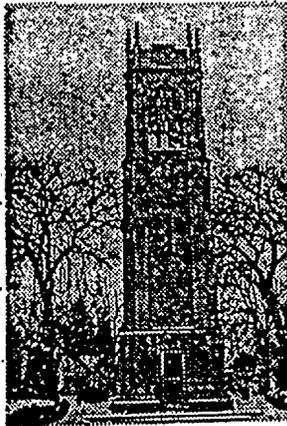
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Derreck', written over a horizontal line.

T. Derreck  
City Clerk

attach.

c.c. K. Blozowski, Planning  
D. Squires, Legal  
W. Fenwick, Parks and Recreation

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has resolved its intention to designate as property of historic and architectural value and interest, under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the lands and buildings and described as follows:

### DAVELLA MILLS CARILLON

(located in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, on the north side of Queenston Street, between Bunting Road and Emmett Road, and described as Part of Lot 9, Concession 7, for the former Township of Grantham, now in the City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 30R-6816.)

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

#### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Davella Mills Carillon was constructed in 1949, in memory of David Bloss Mills and his wife Ella C. Mills. A carillon is a set of stationary bells, generally in a tower, sounded by manual or pedal action, or by machinery. The sounds are controlled by a keyboard.

Mills, who was born in St. Catharines in 1857 eventually emigrated to the United States and married Ella C. Riggins in 1888. During this period he also developed a spark plug which was put into all Buick automobiles. This led him to invest in the Buick Company, making him a multimillionaire. He later founded the Rajah Company, which manufactured spark plugs. On the death of his wife in 1931, Mills decided to use the money that they had acquired to benefit needy organizations and causes. The Davella (David and Ella) Mills Foundation was established in 1935 to implement this plan. Mr. Mills died in 1944. Before the Foundation was liquidated in 1955, it had donated \$10,500,000 to charitable causes in 24 states and 12 foreign countries.

In addition to the construction of the Carillon, the St. Catharines General Hospital received funds locally. A wing of the hospital was named in memory of David Mills.

#### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The carillon is an ashlar tower (constructed of squared building stones cut more or less true on all faces to allow for very thin mortar joints). Designed with Gothic styling, a plinth and entablature near the top of the base and below the bell opening at the top, provide detail. There are cut stone buttresses and two narrow spires (top) at each corner.

Notice of objection to the designation of the above noted property may be served on the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines within thirty days of March 12, 1994.

For further details about the proposed designation, please contact Kevin Blozowski, City Planning Department, at 688-5600, extension 710.

Dated at St. Catharines this twelfth day of March, 1994.

Thomas A. W. Derreck, City Clerk