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CITY OF WOODSTOCK

CITY HALL  
P.O. BOX 40  
WOODSTOCK, ONT.  
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August 29th, 1977.

Mr. Stephen A. Otto, Secretary,  
Conservation Review Board,  
Ministry of Culture and Recreation,  
77 Grenville St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Otto:

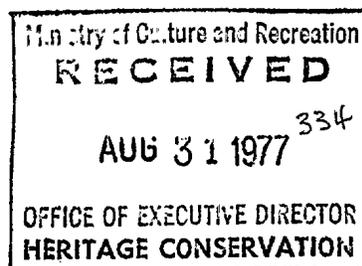
Enclosed is a copy of City of Woodstock By-law  
Number 5349-77 which provides for designation of  
John Vansittart house here in Woodstock.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. McGinnis", written over a horizontal line.

J. McGinnis,  
Deputy Clerk.

JM/dw  
encl.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

By-law Number 5349-77

A by-law to designate the property at 1193 Dundas Street of architectural and historic value.

WHEREAS, The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon to be of historic value or interest, and

WHEREAS, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known municipally as 1193 Dundas Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to do so designate aforesaid real property and has caused notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks, and

WHEREAS, the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto, and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Review Board has determined by a Hearing held on the 26th day of May, 1977, that the property is of architectural and historic value.

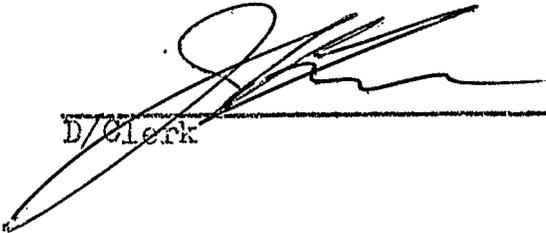
THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historic value the real property, more particularly described on Schedule "A" hereto known municipally as 1193 Dundas Street.
2. That this designation does not include the barns on the subject property, but does include the house and two ancillary out buildings.
3. That a copy of this by-law shall be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
4. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid 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 Woodstock.

READ a first and second time this 11th day of August, 1977.

READ a third time and finally passed this 11th day of August, 1977.

  
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Mayor

  
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D/Clerk



Schedule "A"

forming part of By-law Number 5349-77

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being partly in the City of Woodstock and partly in the Township of Blandford, in the County of Oxford, being part of Lot 15, Concession 1 in the said Township of Blandford, containing by admeasurement 35.0 acres be the same more or less, described as follows;

PREMISING that the Northern limit of said Lot 15 has a bearing of North  $79^{\circ} 06' 30''$  East and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the intersection of the Western limit of said Lot 15 with the Northern limit of Highway Number 2 as widened by Registered Plan Number 402;

THENCE North  $78^{\circ} 56' 20''$  East 701.89 feet;

THENCE North  $15^{\circ} 16' 10''$  West 2178.82 feet to the line between the North and South halves of said Lot 15;

THENCE South  $78^{\circ} 51' 50''$  West 701.82 feet to the North-Western angle of the South half of the said Lot 15;

THENCE South  $15^{\circ} 16' 00''$  East 2177.90 feet to the point of commencement.

## Schedule "B"

forming part of By-law Number 5349-77

"Bysham Park" was built in 1851 by John George Vansittart, eldest son of Rear-Admiral Henry Vansittart. Like Captain Drew's "Hillcrest" and Senator Alexander's "Rokewood", it is known as a Regency Cottage. J.G. Vansittart was a lawyer and at one time contested the election against Sir Francis Hincks. He won in all but Norwich township and still lost; the reformers so heavily supported Hincks. In an earlier election as Returning Officer he had declared Hincks as unqualified and was severely reprimanded by Parliament for this action. The name "Bysham Park" perpetuates the name of the Vansittart ancestral home which was considered one of the most beautiful in Berkshire, dating back to William the Conqueror. This lovely white stucco finished cottage could very easily be restored to its former charm. It, like others in Woodstock, is pictured and mentioned in "The Ancestral Roof", a book on domestic architecture in Upper Canada by Marion Macrae and Anthony Adamson.