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Niagara



CITY OF WELLAND
ONTARIO
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
411 EAST MAIN ST.
L3B 3X4



July 17, 2003

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Designation Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
"The Thomson-Mateka House", 196 Niagara Street**

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law 2003-116 for your records. By-law 2003-116, being a By-law to designate the above-referenced property as being of architectural and historical value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of July 15, 2003.

Yours very truly,

CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER
City Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: Mrs. R. Mantesso, L.A.C.A.C. Co-ordinator

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2003 - 116

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 196 NIAGARA STREET
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
THOMSON-MATEKA HOUSE, OF HISTORIC OR
ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, 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 or architectural value or interest;

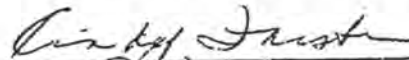
AND WHEREAS the City Clerk has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 196 Niagara Street, in the City of Welland, known as the Thomson-Mateka House, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality;


AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as the Thomson-Mateka House at 196 Niagara Street in the City of Welland, be designated as being 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 said Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Reasons for Designation are attached hereto as Schedule "B" and shall for all purposes form a part of this by-law.
4. The City 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 Welland.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS
15th DAY OF July, 2003.

 MAYOR

 CLERK

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY


Clerk, City of Welland

Date JUL 18 2003

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

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SCHEDULE "A"

Lot 40, Plan 1649, now known as Plan 549-550,
in the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara,
PIN 64089-0131(LT).

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

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SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

This one and one half story house of post and beam construction has both Italianate and Classic Revival features. Centred in the projecting frontispiece are two sets of Italianate style double front doors with glass upper panels, flanked by classical pilasters. The panes of the inner doors have segmentally arched tops. This same type of arch is echoed in the window under the roof peak above. Double hung windows throughout the house have their original glass with new glazing bars. A wrap around verandah of Queen Anne inspiration with classical posts and spindles and a small porch above the front door were likely built a few decades after the construction of the house.

The house was built circa 1855 for Scottish born William Thomson, who also built the flour mill on the north bank of the Welland River at North Main (Niagara) Street later known as the Welland Flouring Mills. In 1865 it was purchased by Welland village councillor and lumber merchant Ozial H. Rounds, a native of New York State, owner of the original Seely and Dunlop sawmill on the river across from the flour mill. The house was subsequently owned by retired farmer Abner O. Stringer, then William and Mary Page, before passing in 1892 to Allen E. Taylor and later his brother John B. Taylor, owners of the firm Taylor and Crow. Allen Taylor served as town councillor from 1891-93, deputy reeve in 1894 and reeve in 1895-96. John Taylor became the proprietor of J. B. Taylor & Co., grocery and general store on West Main Street. From 1937 to 1977 this was the home of the Hignell family. Dr. Charles R. Hignell was a physician and surgeon with offices on East Main Street. In addition he served as jail physician, Michigan Central Railway doctor and D. V. A. doctor for the Welland District. The house is currently owned by [REDACTED] and is known as Twin Gates.