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December 18th, 1991

Dear Sirs:

RE: Designation Under Part IV of the Ontario  
Heritage Act, Hooker House,  
33 Maple Avenue, Welland, Ontario.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law No. 9776 for your records. By-law No. 9776, 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 December 17th, 1991. The reasons for the designation are attached to the By-law.

Yours very truly,

*Craig A. Stirtzinger*  
CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER,  
City Clerk.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 9776

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 33 MAPLE AVENUE  
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE  
HOOKER HOUSE, OF HISTORIC OR  
ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, chapter 337, 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 Council of The Corporation of the City of Welland has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 33 Maple Avenue, commonly known as The Hooker 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, once a week for each of three consecutive weeks;

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 Hooker House at 33 Maple Avenue 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 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.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

ACTING DEPUTY Donna Uetler  
Clerk, City of Welland

Date DEC 18 1991

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READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL

THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 1991.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO

CITY OF WELLAND BY-LAW 9776

PASSED THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 1991.

 MAYOR

 CLERK

In the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the County of Welland and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot Number 66, and part of Lot Number 67 on the south side of Maple Avenue as shown on the Wm. A. Bald Plan of a part of the said City, now known as Plan No. 552, and being more particularly described by C.J. Clarke, O.L.S. as follows:

COMMENCING at the north easterly angle of the said Lot Number 66;  
THENCE southerly along the easterly limit of the said lot, 99 feet to the south easterly angle thereof;  
THENCE westerly along the southerly limits of Lots Number 66 and 67, a distance of 81 feet;  
THENCE northerly in a straight line, 99.72 feet to a point in the southerly limit of Maple Avenue therein westerly 76 feet from the place of beginning.  
THENCE easterly along the southerly limit of Maple Avenue, 76 feet to the place of beginning.  
BEING the lands previously described in Instrument Number 546656.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION  
OF THE HOOKER HOUSE  
33 MAPLE AVENUE, WELLAND  
PURSUANT TO THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337  
SECTION 29 (6)(A)(i)

Thaddeus W. Hooker was born in Vermont in 1823. After moving to Niagara County, New York State, he married Susan Malvina Seaman in January 1846. In 1855, Hooker obtained a contract from Welland contractors Hellems and Bald to manufacture bricks for the construction of the Welland County Courthouse. He arrived in Welland in February of 1855 and constructed a brickyard on the west bank of the Welland Canal, south of what is now Hooker Street. He subsequently moved his family to Welland.

Between 1855 and 1912, many of the brick buildings in Welland were constructed of Hooker bricks. Some commercial buildings still standing include 73-77 West Main Street, the Rose Block at 28 West Main Street and the Hobson Block at 43-49 West Main Street. In 1861, the brickyard produced 400,000 bricks. By 1902, as result of several expansions, the output had increased to one million bricks.

Thaddeus Hooker was elected Reeve of Welland in 1861, 1866, 1868, 1879, 1880, and 1883. He also served as Councillor in 1862-1864, 1873, and 1877. Mr. Hooker served on the school board for 20 years. The Hookers had eight children. When Thaddeus Hooker died in 1893, his son Daniel Delop Hooker took over the firm. Daniel served on the school board for six years, was a member of Welland Town Council for several years (1889, 1890, 1894, 1897, and 1900 - 1903), was Deputy Reeve in 1895-1896 and Mayor of the Town of Welland in 1898-1899.

The Hooker House was constructed in several phases. It was based on the "Ontario House" which was a type of small one and half storey farmhouse with a low front gable in the eave of the upper storey. In April 1856, Hooker purchased Lot 66 from William Bald for \$450.00. The north section of the east wing, if not present in 1856, was built in that year. In 1857, Hooker bought the adjoining lot (Lot 67). This permitted the expansion of the house by the addition of the west wing. These two sections of the house exhibit the characteristics of the typical "Ontario House" style. The windows and exterior doors have straight, heavy stone lintels, with the windows having heavy concrete sills. The exterior brickwork is an early example from the Hooker brickyard.

The third section, south portion of the east wing, was likely constructed in the 1860's. It was built in the Italianate style, as indicated by the elliptical window headings with brick voussoirs. The Italianate brackets under the eaves of the entire home were probably added at this time.