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### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

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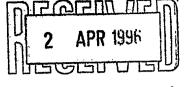
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Dear Sirs

191 Margaret Street, Town of Milton (John Sproat House)

Pursuant to Section 29, Subsection 6 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, please find enclosed a certified true copy of By-law No. 16-96 designating the exterior of the building only located on the above noted property as one of architectural and historical value or interest. No notices of objection were received to the proposed designation resulting in the by-law being passed by Milton Council at its March 25th, 1996 meeting.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly

William Roberts

Town Clerk

/lw Encl.

cc. Heritage Milton LACAC

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

BY-LAW NO

16 96

Dated at the Town of Milton this  $27^{th}$  day of huch,

Theen Kisse Deputy Clerk

Being a By-law to designate the property known municipally as the exterior of the house only on Part Lot 14, Concession 2, and Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Martin's Survey, in the Town of Milton as being architectural and historical value (191 Margaret Street, Milton)

WHEREAS

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Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Part Lot 14, Concession 2 and Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Martin's Survey in the Town of Milton 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three (3) consecutive weeks;

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

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the real property known as the exterior of the building only, located in Part of Lot 14, Concession 2 and Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Martin's Survey, in the Town of Milton, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.
- 2. AND THAT the municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 3. AND FURTHER 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 (3) consecutive weeks.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 25th day of March, 1996.

G. A. Krantz

\_Mayor

Town Clerk

William Roberts

## SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 16 -96

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Milton, in the Regional Municipality of Halton and being composed of Part of Lot 14, Concession 2 and Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Martin's Survey, Town of Milton.

### SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW NO. 16 -96

### **Reasons for Designation**

This impressive two-storey structure is an excellent example of the vernacular stone architecture built in this area during the mid-nineteenth century. In the course of its long history, this house has been the residence of at least three prominent individuals who contributed significantly to the history and growth of Milton. The location, siting and context of the house all reinforce its heritage significance to the community.

Erected by John Sproat in 1857 as a Ladies Seminary Educational Residence, this building is largely Georgian in character with various features from the "Italianate" style. It is representative of the many substantial homes built in the region during the same period.

The house is two storey's high and sits on a raised basement. In the Georgian manner, it is symmetrically arranged around a centre hall with a five bay front and chimneys located at the gable ends. The exterior walls are constructed of local stone with ashlar masonry on the south and east facades and coursed rubble stonework on the west and north. The building's architectural details are plain and robust. Its eaves and windows are trimmed in a simple manner and the stone lintels and sills are installed without embellishment. The only stone decorative elements on the building are the rusticated stone quoins at the corners, the projected plinth course at the main floor and the distinctive coved stone caps on the chimneys.

Adding a taste of the "Italianate" style to the otherwise balanced and restrained design of the Sproat House are the gabled and projected centre bay of the front facade with its arched window, peaked pediment and wooden finial, the low hipped roof and the wide eaves.

The house is located in a prominent, park-like setting on the north side of Mill Pond, just to the northwest of downtown Milton. At one time, the house would have been surrounded by gardens and is still set in broad lawns and neighbouring woods in Livingston Park.

After the death of John Sproat, the house was occupied by several prominent citizens of Milton including Thomas Matheson, County Crown Attorney; T.C. Livingston who developed Livingston Park with a bandshell, gas lighting and other improvements and who was an aggressive promoter of the Town; and P.L. Robertson who invented the socket-head screw and employed a large sector of the Town's labour force.