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January 3, 2012

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

**Re: Registration of Heritage By-laws  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

At the Council Meeting held November 21, 2011, Chatham-Kent Council passed the following By-laws designating the indicated properties under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for their cultural heritage value and interest. The By-laws have been registered on title of the respective properties:

Property Address	Legal Description	By-law Number	Instrument Number	Registration Date
9 Park Street	Part of Lots 10 to 13 and all of Lot 14, Block 48, Plan 14	190-2011	00504-0238	20-Dec-11
14 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	191-2011	00504-0082	20-Dec-11
10 1/2 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	192-2011	00504-0265	20-Dec-11
6-8 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	193-2011	00504-0080	20-Dec-11
2-4 King Street West	Part of Lot 81, Old Survey	194-2011	00504-0079	20-Dec-11
14 William Street North	Lot 60, Old Survey	197-2011	00504-0069	23-Dec-11
20-26 William Street South	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey	195-2011	00504-0078	23-Dec-11
40-48 William Street South	Part of Lots 79 and 80, Old Survey	196-2011	00504-0074	23-Dec-11
383-395 King Street West	Lot 11 and Part of Lot 12, Block F, Old Survey	198-2011	00505-0004	23-Dec-11
367 Wellington Street West	Part of Lot 111, Old Survey	199-2011	00505-0043	23-Dec-11
325 Wellington Street West	Part of Lot 107, Old Survey	200-2011	00505-0036	23-Dec-11
788 North Street	Part of Block A, Plan 134	201-2011	00602-0004	07-Dec-11
6974 St. Philippes Line	Concession 8, Part of Lot 11	202-2011	00773-0032	14-Dec-11
7823 Bay Line	Concession 13, Part of Lot 18, RP24R-609, Part 1	203-2011	00764-0010	14-Dec-11

Copies of the By-laws are attached for your file.

Sincerely,



For Ryan Jacques  
Planner

C: Municipal Heritage Committee

Attachment(s)

BY-LAW NUMBER 194-2011  
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property known as **2-4 King Street West, Community of Chatham**, as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

FINALLY PASSED the **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **November, 2011**.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent may designate a property within the boundaries of the Municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has appointed the Heritage Chatham-Kent Advisory Committee and the said committee has recommended that the Municipality designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS given Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has given Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" annexed hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

1. That the property more particularly described in the attached Schedule "A" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The Clerk be authorized register the by-law against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk be directed 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 cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

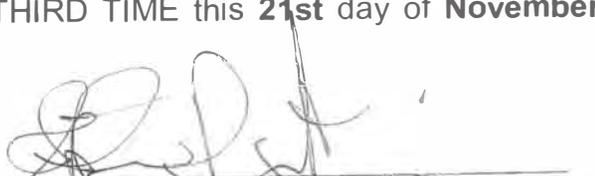
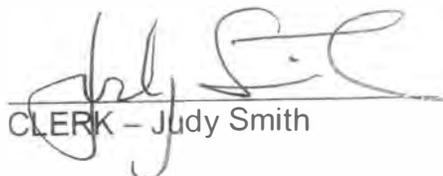
THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **November, 2011**.

**I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law Number 194-2011 passed by Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council at its' meeting held on NOV. 21, 2011, and the same is now in full force and effect.**



The Corporation of the Municipality  
of Chatham-Kent

  
ACTING MAYOR - Steve Pinsonneault  
CLERK - Judy Smith

SCHEDULE 'A'

PT LT 81 PL OLD SURVEY AS IN 559382; CHATHAM-KENT.

PIN No. 00504-0079

SCHEDULE 'B'

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

**Canadian Register of Historic Places Nomination  
2-4 King Street West, Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

\*any field that appears in grey is mandatory

**Identification**

<b>Historic Place Name</b>	2-4 King Street West		
<b>Other Names</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
	1	Other	Merrill Hotel
	2	Other	Retro Suites

**Recognition**

<b>Authority:</b>	Local Government (ON)
<b>Recognition Type:</b>	Municipal Heritage Designation Part IV
<b>Recognition Date:</b>	2011-11-21

## Location

### Location

<b>Building Number:</b>	2-4
<b>Street Name:</b>	King Street West
<b>Postal Code:</b>	N7M 1C6
<b>Locality:</b>	Chatham
<b>Community:</b>	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
<b>Upper Tier:</b>	n/a

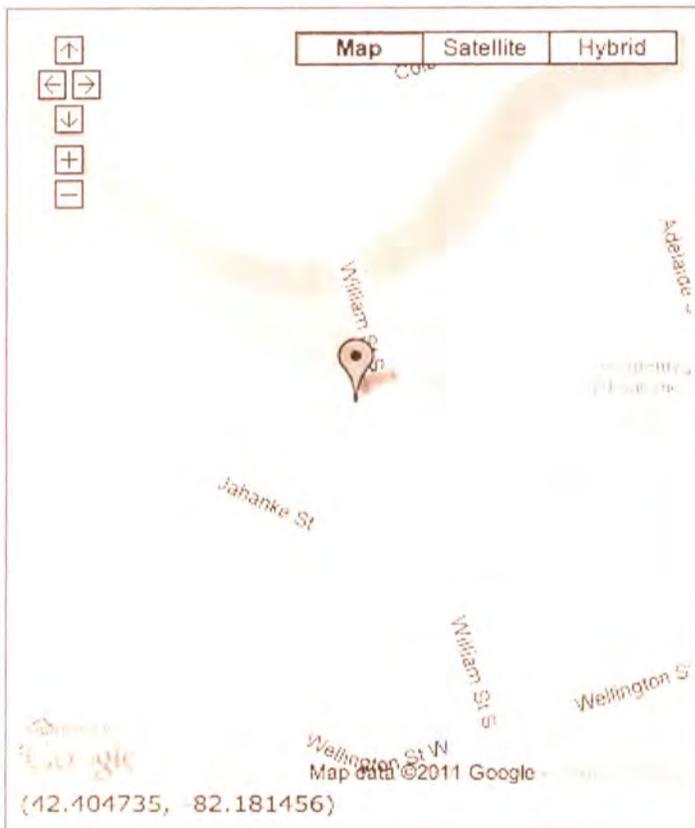
### Coordinates

UTM		Latitude/Longitude	
<b>Determination:</b>	n/a	<b>Determination:</b>	Geocoding
<b>Datum:</b>	n/a	<b>Datum:</b>	NAD83
<b>Zone:</b>	n/a	<b>Latitude:</b>	42.404735
<b>Northing:</b>	n/a	<b>Longitude:</b>	-82.181456
<b>Easting:</b>	n/a		
<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a	<b>Borden #:</b>	n/a

### Boundaries

<b>Boundary Description:</b>	Part Lot 81, Old Survey, Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
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### Map



## Description

### Statement of Significance

<p><b>Description of Historic Place:</b> i.e. Description of Property</p>	<p>2-4 King Street West, known historically as the Merrill Hotel, is located on the southwest corner of King Street and William Street in the City of Chatham, Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of a three-storey salmon-brick commercial building that has served as a hotel since its construction in the 1890s.</p>
<p><b>Heritage Value:</b> i.e. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest</p>	<p><i>Historic or Associative Value:</i> 2-4 King Street West is associated with the commercial history of downtown Chatham. The corner of King and William Streets, which the building now occupies, has been a prominent corner since the Town's founding and served as the location of the earliest Baptist Church in the area (circa 1855). The Merrill Hotel was opened on the site in the 1890s by Francis Towne Merrill. It was one of the first brick buildings to be constructed on the King and William block. The business was so successful that in 1903 it expanded, adding a "hallway and staircase" on the pie-shaped lot on the corner next to it (what is now 20-26 William Street South). For over a century the Merrill Hotel has provided hospitality to the Chatham community and its visitors, a tradition that continues as the structure now serves as the entrance to a boutique hotel, the Retro Suites.</p> <p><i>Design or Physical Value:</i> 2-4 King Street west is a good example of an Italianate commercial block. Typical of this style are the segmentally arched windows on the first and second storeys and the large arched display windows on the third storey. The façade features a cornice with dentils, brick window surrounds and three brick pilasters that separate the four bays. The façade is not symmetrical as the fourth bay, located on the corner of King and William Streets, is narrower than the other three. Typical of the commercial style of architecture, the building has a flat roof.</p> <p><i>Contextual Value:</i> King Street is the historic main street of Chatham and the south side has historically been the busier side of the street, housing some of the oldest brick buildings in the City. This area has come to represent the centre of business and the home to many of the area's hostelrys. Throughout the 1850s and 60s, the corner of King and William Streets housed the first Baptist Church and from there along the south side of King to the Market Square was a series of wood frame shops, such as William Northwood's grocery store, the Dublin House and R.O. Smith's furniture store. The corner's historic prominence was enhanced by the nearby industry across McGregor's Creek, including the T.H. Taylor Woollen Mill at 14 William Street North, built in 1869, and the Beaver Flour Mill, built in 1872, but which burnt down in the 1980s.</p> <p>It was not until the 1880s that these buildings at King and William Streets were replaced with the brick structures that exist today and have come to house many of the City's most successful businesses. The structures from the Bates Building at 28-34 William Street South and around the corner to 16 King Street West form a continuous commercial front. Most of these buildings are two or three storeys, therefore maximizing their frontage on the main street. The basements of all the structures on this prominent corner were connected and it was believed that they were used in rum running during the era of prohibition.</p> <p><i>Sources:</i> Chatham Directory, 1876-1877, 1915, 1919. <i>Community on Thames</i>, 1987. <i>Historic King Street, Chatham, Ontario</i>, K. Stoney and C. Naismith, 1978. Historic Plaque, Ontario Heritage Foundation &amp; R.M. Classic Car Investments Municipality of Chatham-Kent Heritage Register Municipality of Chatham-Kent Land Registry Records <i>There Was a Time</i>, Jim &amp; Lisa Gilbert. <i>Windfall</i>, 1979.</p>
<p><b>Character-Defining Elements:</b> i.e. Description of Heritage Attributes</p>	<p>Key exterior elements of 2-4 King Street West that contribute to its value as an Italianate Commercial Block and historic hotel include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- three-storey salmon-brick construction</li> <li>- segmentally arched windows on the first and second storeys</li> <li>- third storey large arched windows</li> <li>- cornice with dentils</li> <li>- brick window surrounds</li> <li>- three brick pilasters that separate the four bays</li> <li>- unsymmetrical façade, with the fourth bay located on the corner of King and William Streets being narrower than the rest</li> <li>- flat roof</li> </ul>

	<p>Key elements of 2-4 King Street West that support its contextual value include its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- location on the corner of King and William Streets</li> <li>- proximity to McGregor's Creek and commercial businesses in downtown Chatham</li> <li>- forms part of a continuous commercial store front that stretches from 28-34 William Street South to 16 King Street West</li> </ul>
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<b>Contributing Resources</b>		<b>Type:</b>	<b>Count:</b>	
		Building	1	
<b>Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	398			
<b>Dates of Significance</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
	1	Construction (circa)	1890	1899
<b>BA</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	
	1	Architect	n/a	
	2	Builder	n/a	

*Function Category and Type*

<b>Category and Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Function:</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
	1	Historic	Commerce	Hotel, Motel or Inn
	2	Current	Commerce	Hotel, Motel or Inn

*Theme*

<b>Theme Category Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
	1	Developing Economies	Trade and Commerce

## Images

	<b>Image 1:</b>	<b>Image 2:</b>	<b>Image 3:</b>
<b>File Path:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Image Type:</b>	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph	Contemporary Photograph
<b>Caption:</b>	Façade of 2-4 King Street West	Detailed View of a Bay of 2-4 King Street West	Contextual View of 2-4 King West
<b>Description:</b>	Featured is the façade depicting the three-storey salmon-brick construction, 2011.	Featured are the segmentally arched and large arched windows on the façade, 2011.	Northwest view of the row of commercial structures that line King Street West, 2011.
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<b>Miscellaneous Info:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a



Image 1

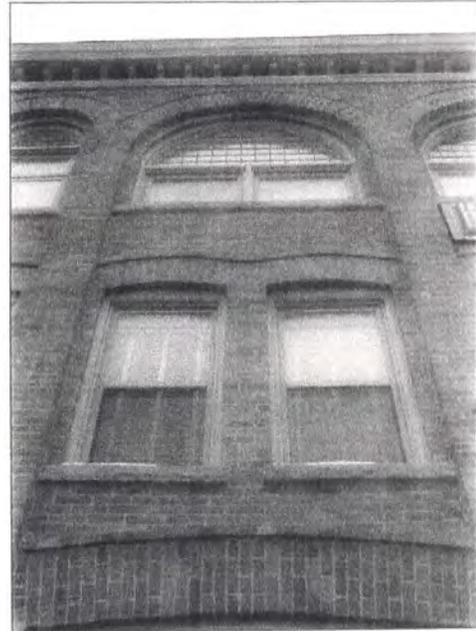


Image 2



Image 3

## Resources

<b>Location of Documents:</b>	Chatham Cultural Centre 75 William Street North Chatham Ontario N7M 4L4		
<b>Collections:</b>	n/a		
<b>Related Link</b>	<b>URL:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
	<a href="http://www.chatham-kent.ca">http://www.chatham-kent.ca</a>	Local Government Website	Municipality of Chatham-Kent Website
	<a href="http://retrosuites.com">http://retrosuites.com</a>	Other	Retro Suites Website

## Management

<b>Ownership Type:</b>	Private (Taxable Corporation)
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