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DEPARTMENT OF  
City Clerk

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

P.O. BOX 640  
CHATHAM, ONT., August 16, 1984  
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The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
TORONTO, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

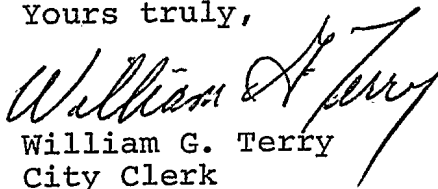
RE: Designation of 143 William  
Street South

Pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980,  
Chapter 337, please find enclosed the following.

1. A photo copy of By-law Number 8563 passed the  
30th day of July, 1984, to designate the exterior  
of the building at 143 William Street South and one  
room known as the "Bay Room" or "The South East Room"  
in the interior.

2. The Reasons for Designation.

Yours truly,

  
William G. Terry  
City Clerk

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Encl.

BY-LAW NUMBER 8563

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

A By-law to designate the property known as 143 William Street South as being of historical and/or architectural value or interest.

1ST READING: July 30, 1984

2ND READING: July 30, 1984

3RD READING: July 30, 1984

FINALLY PASSED: July 30, 1984

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WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 as amended, enables municipalities to enact by-laws to designate property, (which term means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon) to be of architectural or historical value or interest.

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham, having appointed a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, has consulted with the said Committee prior to giving Notice of its Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to Section 29 of the said The Ontario Heritage Act.

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham has caused Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of historical or architectural value or interest pursuant to the said The Ontario Heritage Act and has duly served such Notice of Intention and published the same as required by law.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by The Corporation of the City of Chatham.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham as follows:

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1. The property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed, being the exterior of the building and one room known as the "Bay Room" or "The South East Room" in the interior, be and the same are hereby designated to be of historical or architectural value or interest, pursuant to the said The Ontario Heritage Act.

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

M. N. Archibald  
Mayor

William A. Terry  
Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, and Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Lot Number 1, on the Southerly side of Park Street, Old Survey, which said parcel may be more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the point of intersection of the Easterly limit of William Street with the Northerly limit of Charteris Street; THENCE Northerly along said Easterly limit of William Street a distance of One Hundred and Eleven feet (111') to a point; THENCE Easterly parallel with said Northerly limit of Charteris Street a distance of One Hundred and Ninety-six and thirty-five hundredths feet (196.35') more or less, to a point in the Easterly limit of said Lot Number 1; THENCE Southerly and along said Easterly limit of Lot Number 1 a distance of One Hundred and Eleven feet (111') more or less to a point in said Northerly limit of Charteris Street; THENCE Westerly along said Northerly limit of Charteris Street a distance of One Hundred and Ninety-six and twenty-five hundredths feet (196.25') more or less to the point of commencement.

SUBJECT to a right-of-way for ingress, egress and regress for all those entitled thereto, over, along and upon the Easterly Twelve feet (12') in perpendicular width throughout the lands herein described. Now described as property number 00508-0094.

This is Schedule "A" to By-law  
Number 8563 passed the 30th day  
of July, A.D. 1984.

M. D. Archibald

Mayor

William H. Perry

Clerk

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## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

143 William Street South  
Chatham, Ontario

### Architectural Significance:

This rather large, late Victorian house exhibits several stylish motifs, popular in the late 1890's, the foremost being the prominently elaborated central entrance porch. This area of the facade is dominated by a central tower, which rises above the entrance to a height of three storeys, with attic, and it features a French chateau - inspired Mansartian roof. Facing Charteris Street, a semi-circular drive approaches the house to a roofed carriage-way, constructed of registered, rusticated limestone supports. Typical necessities of the era include the iron rings, and a steep step to facilitate a lighting from carriage to side porch. Significant interior features of the "South East Room" include: Greek key inlaid oak floor, oak dado, tin walls and ceiling, "rope turned" mantel decor and railing, semi-circular bay featuring oak window seat, curved leaded glass windows, and stained glass clerestory. An unusual iron ceiling fixture, with amberina glass, dominates the room. Complimentary iron wall scones and fireplace moulding complete the decor. These features look characteristic of a carriage industry.

### Historical Significance:

Three generations of the William Gray family have played a prominent role in the history of Chatham. William who came to Canada in 1853, Robert, his son and William Murray, son of Robert, worked to promote Chatham. All three served terms in public office. The family established and operated a thriving business that produced the Gray-Dort which, "in its time was probably the best selling car in Canada." For a few years, Gray-Dort Motors were by long odds Chatham's most important industry. The Grays were the first Chathamites to own some of the modern conveniences which we now take for granted. Thus, the Gray family closely influenced the development of Chatham.

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