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CORPORATION OF THE  
**TOWN OF DRESDEN**

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DRESDEN, ONTARIO, N0P 1M0

January 23rd, 1990

*Kent*  
*Jan 25 1990*  
*Nancy Smith*

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974

PROPERTY DESIGNATION

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
M7A 2R9

Notice of Designation - Copy of By-Law

✓ By-Law Number 1293 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to Designate the Property known  
Municipally as 303 St. George Street - Dresden  
as being of architectural and/or Historical  
Value or Interest.

✓ By-Law Number 1294 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to designate the property known  
Municipally as 480 Hughes Street - Dresden as  
being of architectural and/or Historical Value or  
Interest.

J.L. Babcock  
Clerk  
Corporation Town of Dresden.

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CORPORATION TOWN OF DRESDEN

BY-LAW NUMBER 1293

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY  
KNOWN MUNICIPAL AS 303 ST. GEORGE STREET  
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORICAL  
VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 303 St. George Street and upon the Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property (Exterior of the Building, specifically the provenance sign on the north wall) 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 consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden enacts as follows:

1) There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known at 303 St. George Street (Exterior of the Building, specifically the provenance sign on the north wall), more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.

2) The Municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the proper land registry office.

3) 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 consecutive weeks.

Read a first time this 8th day of January, 1990.

Read a second time this 8th day of January, 1990.

Read a third time and finally passed this 8th day of  
January, 1990.

  
Mayor

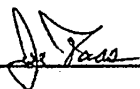
  
Clerk

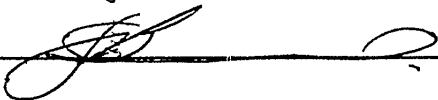
SCHEDULE A to By-Law Number 1293  
of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden.

303 St. George Street

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Dresden, on the County of Kent and Province of Ontario and being composed of N. Part lots 24 and 25, Plan 127.

This is schedule A to By-Law Number 1293  
passed the 8th day of January, 1990.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK

## ASSESSMENT OF DRESDEN CREAMERY BUILDING FOR DRESDEN LACAC

On request of Mr. Timothy Mathany, the following is a precis of the historical significance of the above mentioned building, located at the southeast corner of St. George and Lindsley Streets in the Town of Dresden, Ontario.

The building was erected in 1874, and it's original purpose was to provide an Opera Hall for the community. This provided to be a needed amenity for the recently incorporated village, as it's acceptance for the intended purpose was immediate. Many travelling road companies of the era presented entertainments at the hall, including "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and in addition there were cultural events such as The Lyceum series of lectures.

With the building of a town hall in 1874 the original Opera Hall saw it's patronage dwindle, to the point where the owners converted the upper storey to a roller skating rink, with the ground floor converted into commercial space for people such as David Booth, a bench tailor, Lee Chang, a laundryman, and D.V. Hicks, a real estate and insurance agent.

In later years the building was purchased by John Turner, and in the time span of the mid-1930's, his son, John Irving Turner operated a poultry and egg business. The building and business were taken over in 1926 by Francis Foster and after modification was turned into a creamery for the production of "Camden Brand" butter. As well, Foster bought out two area farm dairies, and established a milk route for home delivery in Dresden.

The butter introduced under the name *Camden Brand* gained immediate acceptance, not only locally, but across the province and in the export market as well. The Dresden Creamery provided employment for up to 25 persons in all, and an immediate outlet for cream and eggs from the surrounding farm communities. There were spinoff benefits as well, especially to the town's merchants. Cream and eggs brought in for grading received immediate attention, and were paid for in cash, money that was spent in local stores.

Foster arranged for a sign to be painted on the north wall of the building with the focal point a reproduction of his pound of butter.

Restoration of the sign is contemplated by the new owners, and it is the compiler's feeling that this area is deserving of a Heritage designation.

As a matter of interest, Mr. Foster sold his dairy business to Purity Dairies of Chatham, on October 15, 1964; having previously sold the egg and cream business three days prior to the Enniskillen Creamery at Oil Springs.