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CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF DRESDEN

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DRESDEN, ONTARIO, N0P 1M0

February 28th, 1989

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974

PROPERTY DESIGNATION

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.
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FOUNDATION

Notice of Designation - Copy of By-Law

By-Law Number 1281 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to Designate the Property known
Municipally as 485 St. George Street - DRESDEN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING as being of architectural and/or
Historical Value or Interest.

By-Law Number 1282 - Town of Dresden

Being a By-Law to designate the property known
Municipally as 187 Brown Street - DRESDEN PUBLIC
LIBRARY as being of architectural and/or Historical
Value or Interest.

J.L. Babcock
Clerk

Corporation Town of Dresden

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BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 187 BROWN 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 known as DRESDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY at 187 BROWN STREET 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 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:

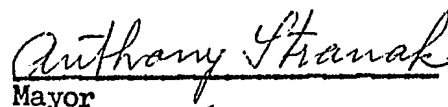
- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as DRESDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY at 187 Brown Street, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered 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.

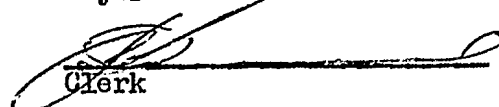
Read a first time this 6th day of February , 1989.

Read a second time this 6th day of February , 1989.

Read a third time and finally passed this 6th day of

February , 1989.


Mayor


Clerk

of the Corporation of the Town of Dresden.

187 Brown Street

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Dresden, in the County of Kent and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot Forty-Four (44) and the West Part of Lot Forty-Five (45), Registered Plan 133 for the said Town of Dresden.

This is schedule A to By-Law Number 1282
passed the 6th day of February
1989.

Anthony Iwanak Mayor

[Signature] Clerk

The Dresden Public Library, located at 187 Brown Street in Dresden, Ontario (Plan # 133, Lot 44 and WP 45) was built in 1913, and opened the same year. Architect was W.A. Mahoney of Guelph, and the building is of typical Carnegie design, and is believed to be the only such building of its type still extant in Kent County.

Some alterations have been made over the years, but not to the extent where the original structure has been altered to any significant degree. The shallow, hip roof, is slate, which is designated for repair by Kent County Library system in 1988 at an approximate cost of \$2100.

While the building is owned by the Town of Dresden, it is operated and maintained by the Kent County Library Board.

Its construction was made possible in 1913 by a grant of \$8000 from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. Prior to that time, there was in existence a Mechanics' Institute, a form of lending library, which was operated by various merchants in turn.

Modifications to the interior have included replacement of the original Georgia pine bookshelves by more compact and accessible shelving; but in the main, the interior has remained unchanged, except for replacement of original suspended lighting fixtures by fluorescent tubes. The original reading tables remain, as do the chairs of 1913.

The Dresden LACAC believes the library is an important structure, for architectural significance, its historical association with the community and for use of its basement as a meeting room for various community groups, which include at the present, a ladies' quilting group comprised mainly of older ladies who welcome younger women anxious to learn the craft of quilting. During the years of the Second World War, the library basement was used as headquarters for the local Red Cross, whose members rolled bandages by the thousand, and also packed and shipped mitts, woollen sox and balaclava helmets they had knit.

It is recommended that both the exterior and interior of the building be designated, as trim, railings and doors are original, as are the beams and supports in the area of the librarian's desk. Although wooden storm windows have been replaced with aluminium, the original windows remain intact, as does their interior trim. The gold leaf lettering in the fanlight over the main doors has also remained in position.

Also recommended for this public building is provision for ultimate installation of a lift or elevator for the physically handicapped. The committee is of the opinion such could be installed on the south side of the building, in space once used as a coal bin, without detracting from the aesthetics of the building's exterior rear facade.

Recommendation submitted September 12, 1988.

