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The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

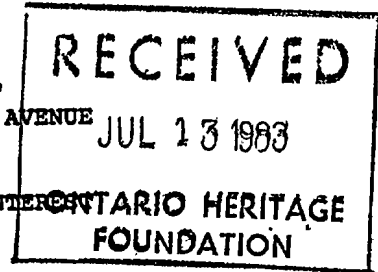
BY-LAW NO. 83-183

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "BELLEVUE"
LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 14 BELVIDERE AVENUE

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST



WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 3 of section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board made a report as required by the said Act;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause (a) of subsection 14 of section 29 of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The property known as "Bellevue", located at Municipal No. 14 Belvidere Avenue and more particularly described in schedule "A" hereto annexed, is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in schedule "B", to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - (i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation to be served on the owners and The Ontario Heritage Foundation by personal service or by registered mail;
 - (ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton, for three consecutive weeks.

PASSED this 29th day of June A.D. 1983.

"E. A. SIMPSON"
City Clerk

"R. MORROW"
Mayor

(1981) 24 R.P.R.C. 4, October 13
Approved, Parks and Recreation Committee,
June 16, 1983

SCHEDULE "A"

To

By-law No. 83-183

BELLEVUE

14 Belvidere Avenue,
Hamilton, Ontario

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being composed of part of Lot Three (3), Registered Plan No. 457 (Grand View Survey) in the City of Hamilton, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, formerly in the County of Wentworth and Province of Ontario, containing an area of 10,924 square feet and more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that bearings are astronomic and are referred to the Westerly limit of the said Registered Plan No. 457 as being North seventeen degrees and twenty-seven minutes and thirty seconds East (N.17°27'30"E.) and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the most Easterly corner of the said Lot 3, Registered Plan No. 457;

THENCE North twenty-three degrees and forty-three minutes and thirty seconds West (N.23°43'30"W.) along the Southeasterly limit of the said Lot Three (3), fifty-five feet (55');

THENCE North seventeen degrees and twenty-nine minutes and thirty seconds East (N.17°29'30"E.) along the Easterly limit of the said Lot Three (3) eighty-three and six one-hundredths feet (83.06') to a point in the Southerly limit of the lands of the City of Hamilton as shown on their Plan SS-905A Surveys;

THENCE South eighty-six degrees and sixteen minutes and ten seconds West (S.86°16'10"W.) following the said Southerly limit, seventy-four and fifteen one-hundredths feet (74.15') to a point distant three and ninety-two one-hundredths feet (3.92') measured North eighty-six degrees and sixteen minutes and ten seconds East (N.86°16'10"E.) from an iron bar;

THENCE South seventeen degrees and twenty-seven minutes and thirty seconds West (S.17°27'30"W.) parallel to the Westerly limit of the said Registered Plan one hundred and sixty-five and ninety-seven one-hundredths feet (165.97') to a point in the Southerly limit of the said Lot and being in a curve having a radius of two hundred and seventy-seven feet (277.0').

THENCE following the said curve an arc distance of eighty-one and fifty-one one-hundredths feet (81.51') to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

BELLEVUE

14 Belvidere Avenue,
Hamilton, Ontario

Located on Hamilton's mountain brow with a commanding view out over city and bay, Bellevue ranks among the city's finest examples of historic residential architecture. This gracious dwelling at 14 Belvidere Avenue was built of locally quarried limestone in 1848-50 by John Bradley and closely resembles the McQuesten homestead of Whitehern both in style and construction.

Along with the contemporary limestone mansions of Inglewood, Ballinahinch, Rock Castle and Whitehern, Bellevue marked an important initial step in Hamilton's rapid transition from pioneer settlement to cosmopolitan centre at the middle of the nineteenth century.

Architecturally, Bellevue's compact and symmetrical Classical Revival design displays a fine sense of proportion and scale. The masonry and interior trim attest to the competence of local builders Melville, Herald and White. Embellished with a belvedere in the late 1800's, after which the street is named, the residence was one of the first in the city's tradition of escarpment estates.

Of historical importance to Hamilton's pioneer era was the original owner of Bellevue, John Bradley, who contributed not only through his commercial success but also through his political leadership to the growth of the community. George Gillespie, a resident of 14 Belvidere Avenue in the 1860's and '70's, was a successful merchant and industrialist who did much to promote Hamilton financial institutions. Of special significance are the north, east and west facades, together with the stone chimneys and belvedere of the building known as Bellevue.