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# City of Orillia

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OFFICE  
OF THE  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

July 31, 1978

The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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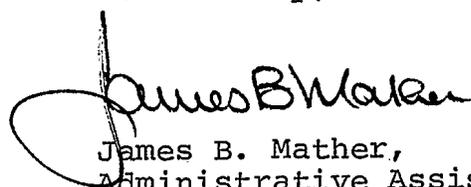
Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Bylaw Number 1978-271

Please find enclosed a copy of Bylaw Number 1978-271,  
a bylaw to designate the Stephen Leacock Memorial Home  
as being of architectural and historical interest,  
together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.

These documents are forwarded to you pursuant to The  
Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, ss. 29(6).

Yours truly,

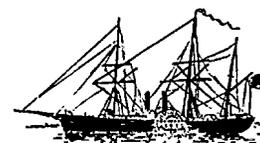
  
James B. Mather,  
Administrative Assistant.

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CITY ON THE LAKES - BIRTHPLACE OF CENTRAL ONTARIO



BY-LAW NUMBER 1978-271 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE STEPHEN LEACOCK MEMORIAL HOME AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INTEREST.

WHEREAS 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 and historic value or interest; and

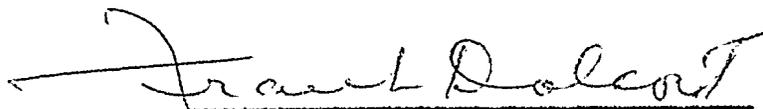
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as The Stephen Leacock Memorial Home and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice 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;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT The Stephen Leacock Memorial Home, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historic value or interest.
2. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Registry Office for the division of Simcoe.
3. THE Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon 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.

BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 24th day of July A.D. 1978.

  
MAYOR

  
DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1978-271 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA.

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being composed of Part of the West half of Lot Number Ten (10), in the Sixth (6th) Concession of the City of Orillia (formerly in the Township of South Orillia), in the County of Simcoe and Province of Ontario and being designated as Part 3 on a Plan and Field Notes of Survey deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Simcoe as Plan 51R-6900.

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario  
Heritage Act, 1974

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number  
1978- 271 , a by-law to designate  
certain property pursuant to the  
Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE STEPHEN LEACOCK MEMORIAL HOME

HISTORY

The Stephen Leacock Home was built in 1928. It was designed as a summer residence by Stephen Leacock in collaboration with Noxon and Wright, Architects of Toronto, and it depicts the comfortable kind of living he preferred.

In 1908, Stephen Leacock first came to Old Brewery Bay. At that time, he was not the world famous author he was to become. He had written one book, had travelled around the world lecturing for the Rhodes Foundation, and had recently been appointed Chairman of the Department of Economics and Political Science at McGill University. Two years later, in 1910, Leacock published "Literary Lapses" - the first of a long line of books that made the world laugh and forget it's troubles.

In a literary career of four decades Stephen Leacock wrote 61 books, some political science, some history, some economics, some literary criticism, and some biography, but 36 of them were the whimsical, nonsensical, uproarious humour that made the London Times call him the master of satire. The secret of his humour was the love and understanding of human nature.

In 1944 Stephen Leacock died. In 1957 the Town of Orillia, in its wisdom purchased the property and established the Stephen Leacock Memorial Home. It was subsequently declared a National Historic Site. This building and its grounds are now a permanent Leacock Museum, the core of which is Leacock's library and personal papers donated by Mr. L.M. Ruby. The Stephen Leacock Memorial Home on Brewery Bay in Orillia has become the centre of scholarly and academic interest in Leacock as well as the entertainment of thousands of visitors each year.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

Exterior

1. covered porch on lakeside.
2. the steep pitched roofs and configuration of dormers.
3. small pane division of french doors and windows.
4. formal path and bordering gardens leading to the lake.
5. sundial and rosegarden outside the writing porch.
6. the catalpa tree.

Interior

1. Norwegian fir panelling found both upstairs and down.
2. glassed-in writing porch.