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City of Orillia

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OFFICE
OF THE
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

June 25, 1979.

REGISTERED

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M7A 2R9.

Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Designating By-laws
1979-66, 1979-67, 1979-68

Please find enclosed the following:

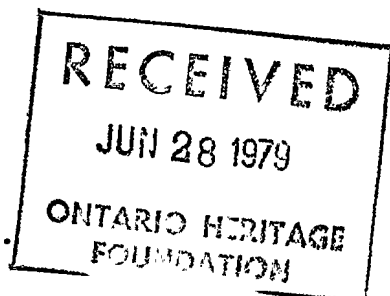
1. Copy of By-law Number 1979-66, A By-law to Designate the Wilmot House as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.
2. Copy of By-law Number 1979-67, A By-law to Designate Central Public School as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.
3. Copy of By-law Number 1979-68, A By-law to Designate the Couchiching Beach Park Bandstand as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest, together with a copy of the Reasons for Designation.

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

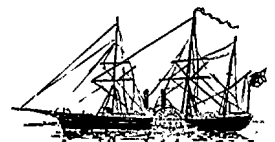
Yours truly,

Ronald J. Ellett,
Deputy Clerk.

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Encls.



CITY ON THE LAKES — BIRTHPLACE OF CENTRAL ONTARIO



A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL
AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR 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;

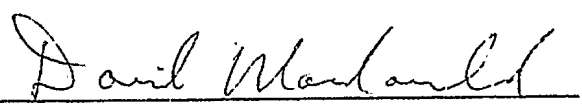
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Central Public School and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

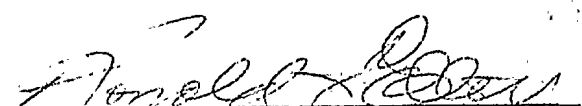
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality.

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

1. THAT the Central Public School, 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 14th day of May A.D. 1979.


MAYOR


DEPUTY CLERK.

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1979-67 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Orillia, in the County of Simcoe and being more particularly described as follows:

FIRSTLY, all of Lots 2, 3 and the west half of Lot 4 on the north side of Coldwater Street as shown on a Plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division for the County of Simcoe as Plan No. 8.

SECONDLY, the southerly 50 feet of perpendicular width throughout of Lot 3, on the south side of Neywash Street according to the said Plan 8.

THIRDLY, the southerly 50 feet of perpendicular width throughout of the east half and the southerly 50 feet of perpendicular width throughout of the west half of Lot 2 on the south side of Neywash Street according to said Plan No. 8.

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario
Heritage Act, 1974

and

IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number
1979-67 , a by-law to designate
certain property pursuant to the
Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

HISTORY

In answer to Orillia's need for a larger, more substantial school building, the Central Public School was opened in March of 1882. It was erected at a cost of more than \$12,000.00 and opened with principal, Mr. George McKee and a staff of eight teachers. As the structure still serves in its original capacity, its history is not extremely diverse.

The near century old building was designed by architects, Kennedy and McVittie, and built by Mr. R. L. Macey, none of whom were from Orillia. The two-story structure sits on a cut stone foundation and it is of a wood frame construction sheathed with polychromatic brick veneer. Typical of Ontario architecture, the structure employs several different building styles. Italianate features include a rectangular plan, eaves supported by ornamental wood brackets, grouped round headed windows, a gently sloping roof, and tall french doors which were recently removed. The buildings most outstanding feature is the use of contrasting coloured brick, which is typical of the mid and late Victorian periods. The bricks are held secure to the wood frame by metal nails or spikes placed in the mortar. Contrasts are used to create string courses, gothic arches above windows, to accentuate the corners of the building, and numerous other forms of adornment. The rear of the structure lacks any type of ornate brickwork and the windows are more functional than decorative in their shape and location. Other exterior building materials include wood trim around the eaves and gables, and cut stone window sills. The building's roof is a truncated hip shape, and the front facade consists of three large gables with paired gothic windows. Situated in the centre of the roof is a wooden bell cupola.

Alterations to the building include the removal of two large gables at each end of the building, sometime before the turn of the century for reasons unknown. Also absent from the building are decorative metal finials which adorned the peaks of all the gables. Since 1900, an additional classroom was added to the rear of the building and is presently used as the principal's office. Several windows at the rear and sides of the building have been bricked over, most likely at the same time that the rear addition was done.

In view of its age the structure is extremely sound and the Simcoe County Board of Education in 1977 completed an extensive program of restoration and updating under the direction of Mr. David Harvey. Exterior work included painting, repairs to some brickwork, new door and window frames, and a new asphalt tile roof over the existing metal one. The most impressive change was the bricks which were chemically cleaned to re-expose the ornate use of red, black and sand colours. Due to age some of the wooden brackets and panels below the eaves have had to be either removed or replaced. There are two chimneys, one on each side of the bell cupola, which also underwent repairs. At present only one chimney is functional, the other has been left to maintain the symmetry of the roofline. Thus, with the exception of the missing gables, Central Public School has changed little since the nineteenth century.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

1. ornate brick patternwork
2. roofline, consisting of gables, chimneys and cupola
3. structural window openings
4. wooden support brackets at eaves