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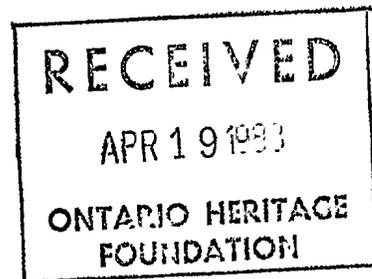
# City of Orillia

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OFFICE  
OF THE  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

April 14, 1988

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The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street  
TORONTO, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

Re: City of Orillia Designating By-law 1988-40

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Copy of By-law Number 1988-40, a By-law to designate the Green House 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, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, Section 29(6).

Yours truly,

Ronald J. Ellett, A.M.C.T.  
Deputy Clerk

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Encl.



CITY ON THE LAKES — BIRTHPLACE OF CENTRAL ONTARIO



BY-LAW NUMBER 1988-40 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE GREEN HOUSE AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, 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;

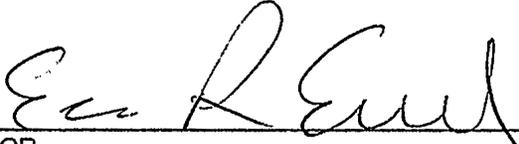
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Green House and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention 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 Green House, 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 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 March A.D. 1988.

  
MAYOR

  
DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1988-40 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 composed of Part of Lot 5 on the south side of Neywash Street, as shown on Registered Plan No. 8 for the City of Orillia more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the north-east angle of the said lot;

THENCE running southerly along the west limit of Peter Street 102 feet to a point;

THENCE running westerly parallel to Neywash Street to the westerly limit of the said Lot 5 to a point;

THENCE northerly along the said westerly limit of said lot, 102 feet to the south limit of Neywash Street to a point;

THENCE running easterly along the south limit of Neywash Street to the point of commencement.

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario  
Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980,  
Chapter 337

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF By-law Number  
1988- , a by-law to designate  
certain property pursuant to  
the Act.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE GREEN HOUSE

HISTORY

The house at 77 Peter Street North is being designated for historical and architectural reasons. The house was built in 1883 for the Rev. Dr. John Gray who had recently retired as Minister of the Orillia Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Gray was the first incumbent of the parish - called to the position in 1850. He was educated in Aberdeen, Scotland, at Queen's College, Kingston, where he received his B.A. and M.A. and also at Knox College, Toronto. He was a brilliant Hebrew Scholar.

At the time of his calling in 1850 he was ministering to much of the surrounding area travelling many miles on horseback and suffered much from "exhaustion of body and mind". When he was ordained and inducted in May, 1851, the service was held in the home of James Quinn. Mr. Quinn's home was actually a tavern and the room used was the bar room and the first pulpit was a beer keg!

In 1851 under his guidance, land was purchased from the Indians for the building of a church and manse both completed the following year.

Dr. Gray was married twice - his first wife living only a short time after their marriage. They had no children.

In 1881 after a very active ministry, Dr. Gray resigned from the position because of ill health. Two years later the contract was let for the building of his lovely home. He continued to serve his congregation over the following years when health permitted and when the new Sunday School was built in 1912 (an addition to the second and present Presbyterian Church) Dr. Gray laid the cornerstone. He died on July 7, 1913 at 89 years of age.

The next owner of the house was Dr. J. V. Brown, M.D. On his death the house was purchased by [REDACTED]

On the lot originally was a small frame cottage occupied by a Miss Alport. She ran a small primer school there.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

The exterior of the house exhibits numerous decorative elements elegantly combined in a precise and balanced manner. The symmetrical treatment of the facades has been carried to the point of installing "blind" windows infilled with recessed brick and complete with brick arch lintels, sills, brackets and keystones. These "windows" maintain the rhythm of the openings and impart the building with a slightly severe formal air. All of the exterior elements are suitably scaled and have been arranged with a sure hand.

The notable features of the house are listed below.

#### FOUNDATION

The foundation is stone, random coursed semi-cut granite, capped with a brick watertable.

#### BRICKWORK

The exterior of the building is of orange/red brick with buff brick accents and trim. The orange/red brick has been given a red dye wash to give the brick a stronger red colour to increase the contrast with the buff brick and formalize the effect. All brick was laid in uncoloured mortar and then pointed with coloured mortar to match the brick. All mortar joints then had a narrow accent stripe of black mortar applied to the center of the joint in a rigid straight line grid pattern.

The following brick details were done in buff coloured brick with a matching mortar:

1. Watertable, projecting, 5 brick courses high with beveled brick top course.
2. String course at second floor level, projecting, 4 courses.
3. Brick quoins at all exterior corners, projecting.
4. Brick band, projecting, at underside of eaves, 4 courses high.
5. Brick band, projecting, at top of gables, 2 courses high.
6. All windows have arched brick lintels with projecting brackets and brick keystones.

#### GABLE WINDOWS

Both main gables have large round windows trimmed with buff brick lintels and sills complete with projecting brick keystone and brackets.

#### PORCH

From an old photograph and markings on the brickwork it appears that the building was originally graced with a roofed porch running along the east (front) and south elevations. The porch structure collapsed some time ago and was replaced with a small gabled roof over the front doors.

#### EAVES

Each exterior corner is capped with large double brackets showing ornate scroll work. Wood strip soffits and a wood fascia with cornice trim at the eave returns cap the building.

#### FRONT DOORS

The front entrance and inner vestibule both have double wood doors with the lower half panelled and the upper half glazed with beveled glass. The brickwork trimming the door opening matches the window treatment.

#### ROOFING

The building has asphalt shingles at the present time but originally had tin roofing.

SHUTTERS

All exterior windows had wood louvered shutters with arched tops to match the shape of the window heads. Only the shutters on the east (front) elevation remain today.

REAR SHED

a large wooden shed is attached to the west (rear) wall of the house. The shed is clad with a board and batten finish. The shed contained the delivery door for the ice and the original watercloset. The shed is presently used as a garage.

FENCE

The house originally had an ornate trellis fence extending from the south wall of the house to the south lot line.