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OFFICE
OF THE
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

November 22, 1988

REGISTERED

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

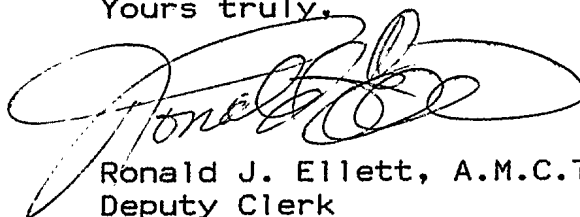
Re: City of Orillia Designating By-laws 1988-168 and
1988-179

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Copy of By-law Number 1988-168, a By-law to designate the Dunn 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 1988-179, a By-law to designate the St. James Anglican Church Rectory 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 1988-179 OF THE CITY OF ORILLIA

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE DUNN 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;

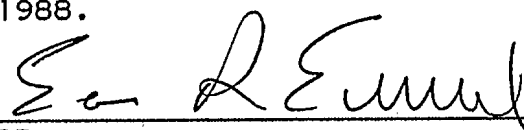
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Dunn House and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to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

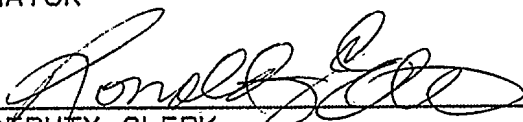
AND WHEREAS one notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality, which objection was subsequently withdrawn.

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

1. THAT the Dunn 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 7th day of November, A.D. 1988.


MAYOR


DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1988-179 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 11 and Part of Lot 12 on the north side of Brant Street according to Registered Plan No. 8, and more particularly described as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey deposited as Number 51R-5330.

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 DUNN HOUSE

HISTORY

This property was granted by the Crown to Angus Morrison of Toronto on February 11, 1870. In October of that year it was sold for \$500.00 and again in 1873 and 1878 for the same price.

The back part of the house appears older than the rest and so it seems likely that it was this fairly small dwelling which sat on the property at that time.

In 1879 Edward J. McCrohan, a harnessmaker, bought the property for only \$350.00. However he sold it six years later to William Harvey (Harvie) a dentist for \$2,400.00. This significant rise in price would suggest that sometime after 1879 the present house, as we know it now, was built. Mr. Harvey later became Sheriff of Simcoe County and lived in Barrie.

In 1890 Thomas H. Sheppard a lumberman bought the house and it was in his possession for 17 years.

John McCosh owned the property for a brief three month period in 1907 before it was sold to Joseph Dunn, a retired merchant. It remained in the Dunn family until 1975. In 1987 it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. S. Resnick.

On the front lawn is an old gas lamp converted now to electricity. The lamp standard is about 100 years old and appears in a photograph taken of the house around 1910.

It is said to be a gas lamp from the town's main street and was possibly brought to the property by Thomas Sheppard. He was the Mayor of Orillia in 1898 and 1899 and this was about the time that electricity was introduced.

Mr. McCosh and Mr. Harvey were also Mayors of Orillia at one time.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

The Dunn House is predominantly a work of architecture from the Second Empire, very popular in the early twentieth century in Ontario. Its common features are the french mansard roof with elegant dormer projections capping either a bricked or wood-sided base. A Classical Revival front porch completes the front. The rear addition also reflects the Revival tradition as revealed in its entry vestibule.

The notable features of the house are listed below.

FOUNDATION

The foundation of the main house is of random coursed granite, with the front porch accentuated with white stones.

BRICKWORK

The exterior of the building is of orange/red brick with darker highlights with yellow brick accents and trim. Yellow brick motives accented by bricks with cut corners occur below each window in each bay window projection. Quoining is executed through alternating courses of brick with four rows of projected brick projected and one row consistent with the main brick.

GLAZING

Windows on the main floor are defined as rectangles with rounded upper corners creating a distorted segmented arch. The segmented arch is consistent in all main level glazing including the front verandah doors and occurring as a lunette above the rectangular framed main entry door. Each window at this level is defined further by a decorative brick segmented arch bisected by three rows of triangulated bricks in the form of a key-stone all yellow. The windows are further highlighted by shutters painted in a matching colour.

Upper windows have entirely rounded tops set in finely crafted wood dormers. On the upper level as well there are two significant french doors defined by a highlighted brick segmented arch border and then a projecting wooden dormer defining a balcony with railing. The side balcony has wrought iron railings while the front balcony is finished with wooden railings. The railings on the widow's walk match the wrought iron railings at the side balcony.

PORCH

The porch is of Classical Revival origin featuring a central pediment supported by Doric columns. The pediment is centred with the balcony above. The lunette window above the main entry door is truncated by the soffit. The rear entry porch, apparently contemporary to the porch, consists of a pediment with roof return supported by four doric pilasters.

CORNICE

The cedar shingled mansard roof caps a wooden cornice again painted to match the yellow trim. The cornice consists of a simple decorative band accented by double brackets at each edge condition.

REAR ADDITION

It appears that there was an addition at the rear of the house that was removed some time in the past. The outline of an old foundation can be seen in the lawn. The door on the rear wall that connected the house to this space has been bricked over on the exterior but still remains as a door and doorframe on the interior.

ROOF

The mansard roof has wood shingle roofing on the lower part with sheet metal roofing on the upper flatter sections.

FENCE

The entire street frontage of the property is contained by an ornate steel fence complete with an operating swing gate at the front walk.