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The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 86-263

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 64 JAMES STREET SOUTH

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 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

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

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

1. The property located at Municipal No. 64 James Street South 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 owner 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 1st day of October A.D. 1986.


City Clerk


Mayor

SCHEDULE "A"

To

By-law No. 86-263

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

64 James Street South,

Hamilton, Ontario

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel of land whereon the building known as St. Paul's Church is erected, situate in the said City of Hamilton, in The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth being lots numbers seventy-three and seventy-four on the southerly side of Main Street containing one-half an acre more or less and may be more fully known and described as follows:

COMMENCING at the south-east angle of lot number seventy-four then north eighteen degrees east one hundred and forty-three feet two and one-half inches, then north seventy-two degrees west one hundred and forty-seven feet ten inches, then south eighteen degrees west one hundred and forty-three feet two and one-half inches, then south seventy-two degrees east one hundred and forty-seven feet ten inches to the place of beginning which said parcels of land are on the late P. H. Hamilton's survey of lots in the said City of Hamilton.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

By-law No. 86-263

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

64 James Street South,

Hamilton, Ontario

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church located on James Street South at Jackson Street is one of Hamilton's outstanding architectural monuments. Originally known as St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Gothic Revival structure was designed by architect William Thomas and built in 1854-57 of local limestone by stonemason George Worthington.

Architecturally, St. Paul's is considered "still the best Decorated Gothic Revival Church in Ontario" according to Marion MacRae and Anthony Adamson in Hallowed Walls. The church is a masterpiece of Gothic Revival detailing, executed in both stone and wood, and an outstanding example of local limestone construction. Since its completion, the church has acquired additions but the integrity of the original design has survived intact.

With its stone spire reaching a height of 180 feet, St. Paul's is an important component in the monumental and historic streetscape of James and Main Streets and a distinctive landmark of the city's downtown skyline.

The church is significant also as a major work of one of Canada's leading nineteenth-century architects, William Thomas.

Historically, the building of St. Paul's marks the point when the local presbyterian church as well as the City of Hamilton itself had become established as a permanent and growing community.

Important to the preservation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is the retention of the four exterior facades and the interior of the original church; the exteriors of the stone chapel addition built in 1877 by architect Peter Brass, and enlarged, in 1909 by Frank Darling; and the chancel extension on 1909 by Hugh Vallance. Designation includes but is not limited to the masonry walls, buttresses and spire; the pointed-arch windows and doorways; the roof and dormers, the decorative wooden porches, tracery windows, wooden doors, stone pinnacles mouldings and carved decoration; and on the interior the narthex and sanctuary including the chancel, pulpit, gallery, stained glass and tracery windows, timberwork ceiling, lighting fixtures, carved woodwork, pews excluding the ones in the transept and the original Communion Table.