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The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 87- 248

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 116 MACNAB 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;

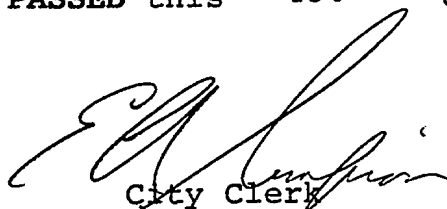
**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

**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.

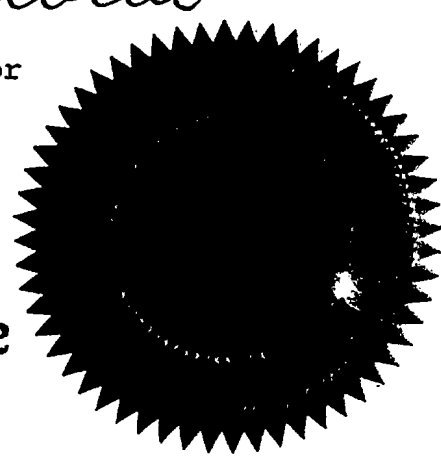
**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The property located at Municipal No. 116 MacNab 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 September, A.D. 1987.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor



SCHEDULE "A"

To

By-law No. 87- 248

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church  
116 MacNab Street South  
Hamilton, Ontario

In the City of Hamilton, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth and being composed of:

**FIRSTLY:** All of Lots 128 and 129 at the south-west corner of MacNab Street and Hunter Street in the survey of lots made by Peter H. Hamilton and now registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Wentworth as Registered Plan No. 1270, as described in Instrument No. 952 H, Hamilton;

**SECONDLY:** All of Lot 127 and part of Lot 126 at the south-west corner of MacNab Street and Hunter Street in the survey of lots made by Peter H. Hamilton and now registered as Plan No. 1270 aforesaid and more particularly described as follows:

**COMMENCING** at the north eastern angle of Lot 127;

**THENCE** southerly along the western limit of MacNab Street, 108 feet;

**THENCE** westerly parallel to the southern limit of Lot 126, 125 feet more or less to the western limit of the said Lot 126;

**THENCE** northerly 108 feet more or less to the north western angle of the said Lot 127;

**THENCE** easterly along the northern limit of Lot 127, 125 feet more or less to the place of beginning, as described in Instrument No. 5124 Hamilton.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

By-law No. 87- 248

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

MACNAB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDINGS

116 MacNab Street South,

Hamilton, Ontario

The MacNab Street Presbyterian Church is located in downtown Hamilton just south of Whitehern and the T.H.&B. Railway tracks at 116 MacNab Street South.

Recognized by its pinnacled stone tower, the church is a well-known landmark of the city's central area.

The property is composed of several adjacent buildings built and enlarged over an 80 year period, consisting of the original church proper of 1857, the manse (now Church House) and stable of 1871, the Sunday School of 1878 and subsequent additions in 1919 and 1934. With a consistent use of stone construction and the Gothic Revival style of architecture the complex forms a unique and integrated streetscape.

Architectural Significance:

As an example of Hamilton's local stone architecture, the church belongs to a rare and highly select group of buildings erected primarily in the 1840's and 1850's. In both masonry construction and architectural design, the buildings exhibit a high level of craftsmanship and knowledge of style.

Plans for the original church have been credited to local architect, Albert H. Hills, and possibly William Thomas, a leading architect in Upper Canada; for the church manse, Hamilton architect William Leith; and for the Sunday School, Hamilton architect C. W. Mulligan.

The Gothic Revival Style is ably expressed in the consistent use of pointed-arched windows, doorways, and stone mouldings; the buttresses, pinnacles and bargeboards; the traceried windows; and the central entrance tower.

Historical Significance:

As one of the oldest surviving Presbyterian churches in Hamilton, the MacNab Street edifice is an important landmark from the City's pre-Confederation era when the first permanent churches were being erected.

This church, in conjunction with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on James Street South, also serves to record the major role the Scottish Presbyterian settlers played in the early development of Hamilton.

Since its beginning in 1855, the MacNab Street church has had only six ministers, each of whom have contributed considerably to the community during their long-term stays. Originally, the ministers lived next door in the manse until 1957, when the house was converted into church offices and Sunday school.

#### Contextual Significance:

In addition to its significance as an individual landmark, the church is important as an integral yet dominant component in the surrounding historic neighbourhood, a district considered to be of outstanding heritage value to the City. Hamilton is also noted for the number of distinguished Victorian churches still standing in its downtown core, of which the MacNab Street Church is an important example.

#### Designated Features:

Important to the preservation of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: the original features of all four exterior facades including roofs of the church proper and its extensions, the 1878 Sunday School with its 1919 rear addition and the 1934 link, and three facades (east, north and south) including roofs of the manse (church house) and stable (garage).

Designation pertains to the original masonry walls, buttresses, basements and tower, decorative features in wood and stone, and windows, doors and porches of the above buildings. The interiors are excluded.