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The City of Stoney Creek

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Nancy Smith

June 2, 1992

Ontario Heritage Foundation
Ministry of Culture & Communications
2nd Floor - 77 Bay St. W.
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

**Re: City of Stoney Creek - Notice of Intention to Designate
- 7 Placid Place, The Corman House**

As per Section 29(3a) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the City of Stoney Creek is serving the Ontario Heritage Foundation with the attached Notice of Intention to Designate 7 Placid Place.

The attached notice will also be advertised in the Stoney Creek News for 3 consecutive weeks commencing Wednesday, June 10, 1992.

A copy of the Director of Planning's Report No. PL92 - 44, adopted at the May 26, 1992 Council meeting is enclosed for your information.

Please provide correspondence pertaining to this matter to the undersigned.

Rose Caterini, B. of Comm., A.M.C.T. (A)
Assistant to the Clerk

Attachments

Copy to:

P. Smithson, Planning Department

**The Corporation of the
City of Stoney Creek**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O., 1990, CHAPTER O.18**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND
PREMISES AT 7 PLACID PLACE,
CITY OF STONEY CREEK, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historic value and interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18.

**7 PLACID PLACE
CORMAN HOUSE**

The former George Corman House represents a significant part of the history of Stoney Creek and provides insight into one of the early families of the area.

Built in 1810, the Corman House, with its Vernacular Neoclassical style is represented in the classical elements such as the columns supporting the portico, the multi-paned entrance sidelights and the door surround with its thin pilasters and shelf-like projecting cornice. The house is one and a half storeys with a low sloped gabled roof and centre gable over the main door. The windows are single two over two sash type windows with shutters. A large chimney dominates the east elevation.

John George Corman was brought to Maryland in 1740 as a blacksmith's apprentice. He was later sold as an indentured servant to the grandfather of President William H. Harrison. He eventually married the aunt of the future president of the United States. During the American Revolution, John Corman moved to Kentucky but was burned out. His son Isaac was born in 1778.

The Cormans arrived in Upper Canada in 1793 settling in Stoney Creek on a 200 acre land grant as United Empire Loyalists (Lots 21 and 22, Concession 3, Saltfleet Township). Isaac Corman married the sister of Billy Green.

At first, the Cormans built a log cabin near the base of the Escarpment. In 1810 a 30 by 50 foot storey and a half frame house was built on a stone foundation over two feet thick.

In 1813 Isaac Corman was taken prisoner by the invading U.S. troops. He gained knowledge of the U.S. password since he was related to U.S. General W. H. Harrison. He gave the password to Billy Green who later the same night led the British troops to attack the Americans at the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Several members of the Corman family have been involved in politics. William Edward Corman served as Reeve of Saltfleet Township. Burton Corman served on Saltfleet Council. Ellis Corman was a Member of the Federal Parliament.

Important to the preservation of the Corman House are the original windows and the stone foundation, the pine floors, the original staircase, the hand hewn beams and joists on the interior, as well as the stone smoke house.

Also important to the preservation of the house is the original stone smoke house located in the rear yard of the property.

Inquiries may be directed to Paul Smithson, Planning Department, City of Stoney Creek at 643-1261.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to Joseph A. Brezina, Clerk of the City of Stoney Creek notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

J. A. Brezina, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk