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By-law No. 2000-79

Passed: April 10, 2000

**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

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A by-law to designate the property known as the Stamford Green being Part of Township Lot 56, Stamford and Part of Road Allowance between Township Lots 55 & 56, Stamford, to be of historic value and interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, S. 29 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, within the municipality to be of historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls has caused to be served upon the owner of the property as described in Schedule "A" hereto and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to designate to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on March 4, 2000;

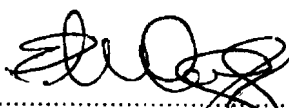
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality.

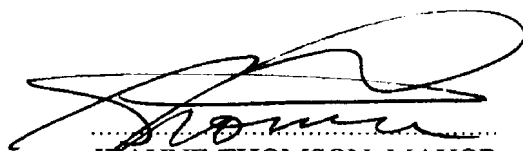
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as Stamford Green, is hereby designated to be of historic value and interest.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Niagara Falls.

Passed this tenth day of April , 2000.



E. C. WAGG, CITY CLERK



WAYNE THOMSON, MAYOR

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| First Reading | April 10th, 2000 |
| Second Reading | April 10th, 2000 |
| Third Reading | April 10th, 2000 |

SCHEDULE "A" to By-law No. 2000-79

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, being Part Township Lot 56 Stamford; Part of the road allowance between Township Lot 55 and 56 Stamford as in ST7035 except AA 3037 and BB71700; Niagara Falls. All of the above being PIN 64276-0041 (LT).

SCHEDULE "B" to By-law No. 2000-79

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The Stamford Green is unique in that it is the only green of this type in Canada. It is held by the Stamford Green Board of Trustees for the citizens of Niagara Falls as a public park. The lands were once part of the grounds of the residence of Captain Robert Dee and were transferred by his son, Dr. John Dee. In 1908, Dr. Dee sold the lands for the sum of \$1,000 provided they remained as a public park for all time to come. Furthermore, Dr. Dee stipulated that "No buildings are to be erected and no trees are to be planted thereon" to which it was further added that a "...fence is never to be erected". The deed provides that the southerly two-thirds of the site can be levelled and that the remainder is to be kept in its natural state. The Trustees are authorized to carry out these conditions and maintain the covenants imposed by Dr. Dee. The Board of Trustees are empowered to appoint new members to the Board in the event of death or resignation of any of the Trustees.

The northerly portion of the property is a level grassed plot of land. A historic stone and bronze marker erected in 1929 is located at the northeast corner to recognize the significance of the Portage Road from Niagara Falls to Queenston. There are no trees on this portion of the site. The southerly third of the site is delineated by a war memorial erected in 1949 and now enhanced with plantings including pyramidal oak trees and evergreen and deciduous shrubs. South of this is a single maple tree with a small stone marker with bronze plaque and evergreen shrubs. At the gore end of the Green is a large Colorado spruce tree, ground plantings and a sign identifying the Green. These latter plantings and sign were added by the City in the late 1990's when it took over the maintenance of the grounds.

The Green has been the site of a number of important events over the years, including: holiday sports, country fairs, village festivals and militia musters. It was also the site of a commemorative arch erected in 1860 for the passing entourage of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

The Stamford Green is significant because of its unique status in Canada, its association with an important person during the settlement of Stamford Township, its historic role in community events and reverence with which it is held by the residents of the City. For these reasons, it is worthy of recognition as a place of historic importance which should be protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.
