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City of Kitchener
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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
AND CITY CLERK

September 2, 1988

City Hall, P.O. Box 1118
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Ms. L. Chipper
Heritage Branch
Ministry of Culture and Communications
77 Bloor St. W.
Toronto, Ont.
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Dear Ms. Chipper:

Re: Designation By-law No. 88-154 - City of Kitchener

Attached is a copy of the by-law designating 25 Joseph Street (Victoria Public School). It was registered on August 31, 1988 as instrument no. 959181.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please call me at (519) 741-2279.

Yours truly,


Gary Sosnoski
Assistant City Clerk

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BY-LAW NUMBER 88-154

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KITCHENER

(Being a by-law to designate part of the property municipally known as 25 Joseph Street in the City of Kitchener as being of historic and architectural value)

WHEREAS Section 29 of 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 or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kitchener has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known municipally as 25 Joseph Street in the City of Kitchener, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, a Notice of Intention to Designate as being of historical and architectural value that part of the aforesaid real property more particularly hereinafter described, and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

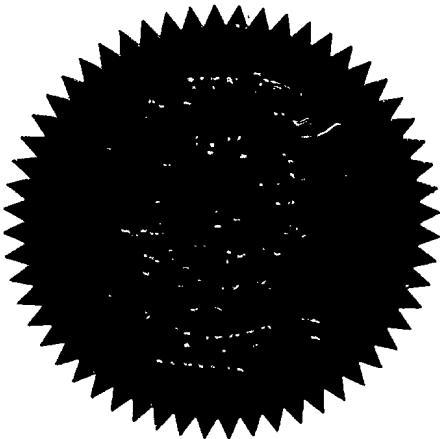
AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Municipality;

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

1. There is designated as being of historical and architectural value that part of the aforesaid real property known as 25 Joseph Street being comprised of the main facade (Joseph Street elevation), both east and west side elevations and the slate roof.

2. The City solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the whole of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto (of which the said designated area forms a part) in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the community once for each of three consecutive weeks.

PASSED at the Council Chambers in the City of Kitchener
this 22nd day of August, A.D. 1998.



D. V. Cardillo
Mayor

L. Harkness
DEPUTY Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

Registered Plan 154

City of Kitchener

Regional Municipality of Waterloo

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The designation described herein has been made on historic and architectural grounds. At the time of its construction, Victoria Public School was considered one of the finest school structures in the Province and is still looked upon as a major public landmark. In addition to being an outstanding example of Ontario architecture at the turn of the century, it is associated with a number of individuals influential in the development of the community.

The main Edwardian Baroque block was constructed by Jacob Baetz between 1910 and 1911 and was officially opened by the Minister of Education in January of 1912. The original building was designed by the Hamilton architectural firm of Munro and Mead, whom Mr. R.G. Hill, editor of the Biographical Dictionary of Canadian Architects (1800 to 1950), refers to as playing a significant role in the development of architectural style and design in southern Ontario at the turn of the century. Two additional wings comprising east and west elevations were designed by Mr. Charles Knechtel and constructed at a later date.

Mr. Pequegnat, Chairman of the Board of Education for 9 years and a member for 27 years, presided over the planning and building of the structure. A bronze plaque mounted inside the school recognizes his contribution to the education system.

Mr. Pequegnat was also a prominent local businessman who founded the Arthur Pequegnat Clock Company in 1903, the second of its kind established in Canada.

Victoria Public School is a hybrid in style reminiscent of the stately houses of Europe. It combines features of the Jacobean, Baroque and Edwardian styles. The specific features which constitute the architectural reasons for designation are as follows: the three projecting frontispieces (Joseph Street facade) which includes the rusticated entrance way with radiating voussoir, double-leaf door and fanlight, both broken segmentally arched pediments supported by Doric columns; the original six/nine double hung sash, muntins and frames; the Tudor window over the main entrance with centre crest; the cylindrical lamp standards on either side of the front steps; the pyramidal finials atop the front entryway; all molded fascia and soffits; the red-glazed brick building fabric laid in a Flemish Bond pattern; the raised roman stone foundation with rock-faced finish laid in broken courses; and the slate roof.