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March 25, 1976

City Solicitor

City Clerk

The following recommendation of the Windsor Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee was adopted at its meeting held on March 11, 1976:

1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, "Notice of Intention to Designate" the following properties be given:

(a) Property: St. Mary's Anglican Church, 1983 St. Mary's Gate

Owner: The Anglican Synod of Huron

Reasons
for

Designation: (i) a fine example of 20th Century Gothic Revival designed by Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson of Boston and New York together with Associate Architect Albert Kahn of Detroit;

(ii) built 1904 by Gearing Bros. of Detroit;

(iii) the structure contains fine examples of wood carvings designed by Bertram Goodhue and carved by Kirschmeyer, both of whom attained international fame. The four carved choir stall ends designed by Goodhue were sought by the Smithsonian Institute after Goodhue's death as an outstanding example of his work;

(iv) a gift of the Sons of Hiram Walker, founder of Walkerville, to the parishoners of the original St. Mary's Church on Riverside Drive.

(b) Property: James (Jacques) Baby House, 221 Mill Street, Windsor

Owner: Misses Jean and Isobel Beasley

Reasons
for

Designation: (i) one of the most important and best preserved examples of Georgian Domestic Architecture surviving in Ontario;

- (ii) numerous subtle and sophisticated arithmetical relationships noted in the design include the following:

Plan is a "Golden Rectangle", i.e. length of facade = diagonal of a square based on length of end.
Height (Ground Line to Roof Ride) = glazed width of facade.
Glazed width at end = height of facade.
Height to chimney tops = altitude of a triangle with sides = length of house.
Height of facade to cornice = half width of foundation.
Height of roof: height of facade to cornice = 2.3
Diagonal of roof = diagonal of facade.

- (iii) James Baby was appointed a member of Upper Canada's first Executive Council in 1791, and President of the Legislative Council at the same time. 1793, Lieutenant of the County of Kent; 1794, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and the Surrogate Court.

(c) Property: Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd, Main Office Building,
2072 Riverside Drive East, Windsor

Owner: Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd.

Reasons
for

Designation: (i) an example of Italian Renaissance architecture in the Florentine Style;

(ii) built 1894 and designed by Mason and Rice.

(iii) Walkerville had its origin as a distillery town founded by Hiram Walker in 1857; the 1894 Main Office Building is representative of the historical importance which the Walker interest played in the origins and development of the town;

(iv) the building is in excellent condition.

Please prepare the By-law for consideration on May 31, 1976.

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