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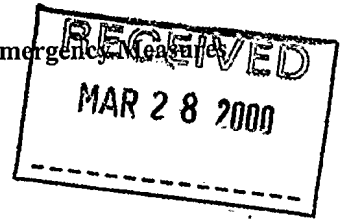
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File: Designation  
235 Harbour Street  
Roll # 5-14900

March 15, 2000

The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of 235 Harbour Street

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Municipality of Kincardine By-law No. 1999-149 designating the property at 235 Harbour Street, as being of historical and architectural value. This by-law was registered in the Land Registry Office of Bruce on March 2, 2000 as Instrument No. 348023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rosaline M. Graham".

Rosaline M. Graham, A.M.C.T.  
Clerk

RMG:ps

Encl.

6/29/00  
R.C.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINCARDINE-BRUCE-TIVERTON

# BY-LAW

NO. 1999 - 149

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**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE "WALKER HOUSE"  
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

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WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 authorizes the council, of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic-or architectural value and interest; and

AND WHEREAS the Council of t he Corporation of the Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the Walker House, 235 Harbour Street, Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton, County of Bruce; and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property; and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of four consecutive weeks;

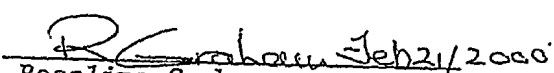
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton ENACTS as follows:

1. There is designated as being of Architectural value and interest the real property more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the Walker House, 235 Harbour Street, Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton, County of Bruce.
2. The clerk 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 clerk is hereby authorized to cause of copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid 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 Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton.

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Certified to be a true and  
complete copy of By-Law  
Number 1999-149 passed  
by the Council of The Corporation  
of the Municipality of Kincardine  
on the 24th day of  
November, 1999.

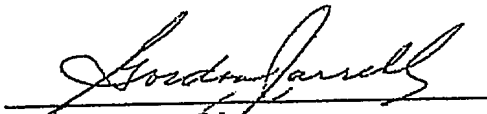
  
Rosaline Graham Date Feb 21 / 2000  
Clerk

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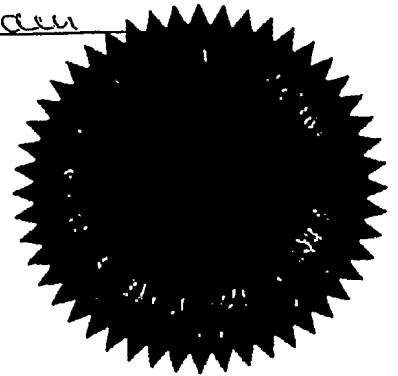
4. This by-law shall come into full force and effect upon its final passage.
5. This by-law may be cited as the "Walker House Designation By-law".

READ a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this day of this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

READ a **THIRD** time and **FINALLY PASSED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk



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SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE FOR DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that a certain parcel or tract of land lying and being in the Township of Kincardine ~~Bruce-Tiverton~~ in the County of Bruce and being composed of ~~the northwest corner of Harbour Street and Huron Terrace, Part Lot 1, Sub-division of Lots 4 and 5, Plan 77, Township of Kincardine-Bruce-Tiverton.~~ DESIGNATED AS ~~Part 1, 3R-7102, NOW IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE.~~

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**SCHEDULE B**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

The Walker House is considered the oldest building in KBT and indeed, the oldest standing tavern of its style in Bruce and Grey Counties. The Walker House Hotel was built in 1850 overlooking what was to become the harbour and the centre of intense commercial activity. This hotel provided accommodation to many of the innumerable settlers who arrived to take up land in the Queen's Bush. This hotel became the earliest centre for community political activity.

Paddy Walker was one of Kincardine's most important early citizens; he was an entrepreneur, a tavern keeper, a contractor, a schooner operator and a politician. The building remained in the hands of the Walker family until 1942. After it ceased to be a commercial hotel, the Walker House served as a boarding house and, more recently, a private residence.

Although severely damaged by fire on January 23, 1995, it is hoped that a restored Walker House, as a companion to the lighthouse opposite, will become a self-sustaining tourist attraction, the pride of Kincardine's heritage.

The frame hotel illustrates in its façade, low-pitched gable roof and classically-derived window, door and cornice trim, the Neoclassical style common in the mid-nineteenth century in Ontario. While the building has suffered severe fire damage, what remains appears remarkably true to what is believed to be the original detail. Smoke damage, in many cases, conceals sound finishes and trim. We believe it is imperative to maintain as much of the original as is possible. Because of the relatively small number of buildings erected during that time and the even greater rarity of a hotel surviving so long, the Walker House represents a valuable contribution to our architectural history.