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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON



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Re: Designation of 163 Mill Street
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the by-law designating the above mentioned property, passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on November 17, 1986.

R. J. Tolmie / WGR

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CITY OF LONDON

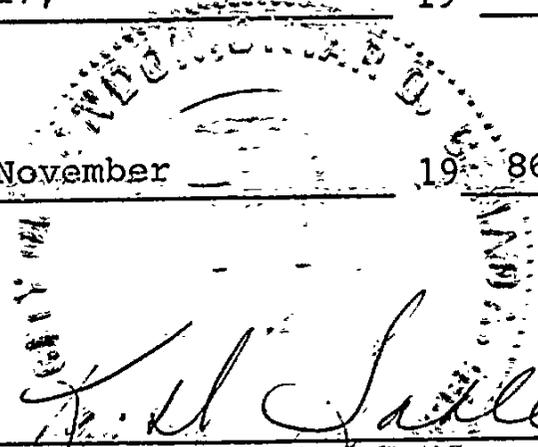
BY-LAW CERTIFICATION

I, K. W. Sadler, Clerk

of the Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the By-law
appended hereto is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2916-500

of the City of London, passed on November 17, 19 86.

DATED at London, Ontario this 27th day of November 19 86.


K. W. Sadler
Signed

Bill No. 591
1986

By-law No. L.S.P.-2916-500

A by-law to designate 163 Mill
Street to be of historic and
architectural value.

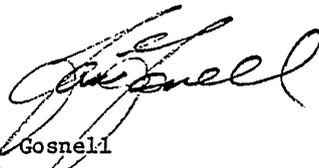
WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 163 Mill Street has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received.

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, at 163 Mill Street, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a 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 the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on November 17, 1986.


T. C. Gosnell
Mayor


K. W. Sadler
City Clerk

First reading - November 17, 1986
Second reading - November 17, 1986
Third reading - November 17, 1986

SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2916-500

Part of Lot 5, Plan 123, City of London, County of Middlesex, being more particularly described as:

THOSE lands and premises located in the following municipality, namely, in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex and being composed of part of Lot Number Five (5) according to Registered Plan Number 123, and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast angle of Lot 5 in the City of London, according to Registered Plan 123;

THENCE Southerly along the Easterly limit of Lot 5 a distance of 47' 6" to a point;

THENCE Westerly parallel with the Southerly boundary of said Lot 44' to the Westerly boundary thereof;

THENCE Northerly along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 47' 6" to the Northwest angle;

THENCE Easterly along the Northerly boundary 44' to the Northeast angle of said Lot and the place of beginning.

TOGETHER with the right to use a certain well and pump, situate in part upon the lands hereinbefore described and subject to a similar right existing in favour of the owners and occupants from time to time of the South half of said Lot Number 5.

INTENDING to be the same lands as conveyed in instrument number 697447

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2916-500

Historical Reasons

Built in 1880 for grocer Thomas A. Hall, 163 Mill Street functioned as a corner grocery/variety store for most of its history (1880-1950). In the era before pre-packaged foods and refrigeration, it served the immediate needs of the neighbouring residents for meat, baking supplies, fresh fruit and vegetables. One of numerous small groceries which once existed in London, 163 Mill Street catered to the working people of the neighbourhood, who toiled for the nearby Hyman Tannery, Carling's Brewery, Murray-Selby Shoes and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The grocer and subsequent owners lived in the west two-thirds of the building.

Architectural Reasons

The unusual corner fenestration of 163 Mill Street provides the principal clue to its original function as a corner grocery. Architecturally, this building is a beautifully proportioned, one storey, Regency style, a white brick, hip roof cottage, resting on a brick foundation. Delicately executed, arched window frames define the east third of the building that formerly was the store (the arched windows of the east side elevation may be later, as they are not as finely executed). An operative transom within a decorative frame is set above the recessed entrance door to the store. A separate door, west of the store entrance, now bricked in, formerly gave access to the residence. A long shallow segmental arch over the storefront door and its flanking windows is formed from radiating voussoirs with a brick keystone; the same type of arch appears above the elongated sash windows of the front (Mill Street) elevation; the east and west elevations have only radiating voussoirs. The rear door and verandah are probably later additions.