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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF PAISLEY

BY - LAW NUMBER 77 - 6

A BY - LAW TO DESIGNATE COFFMAN HOUSE

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Paisley has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as "the Coffman House" 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 three consecutive weeks;

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

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

THEREFOR, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF PAISLEY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the real property known municipally as "THE COFFMAN HOUSE" MORE particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto is designated as being of historical and architectural interest.
2. THAT the Village Solicitor be 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. THAT the Village Clerk be 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Paisley.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN COUNCIL this 2nd. day of May A.D. 1977

This is certified to be a true copy.



Ron Brown
Clerk, Village of Paisley

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SCHEDULE A:

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Village of Paisley in the County of Bruce and being composed of Lot Number One (1) on the West side of Victoria Street North in the Subdivision of Lot No. 31 according to the Corporation Plan (# 255) of the said Village.

SCHEDULE B:

The Coffman House on Victoria Street North, built in 1866, is recommended for designation for architectural reasons as an excellent example of an early gothic cottage. The gothic tracery in the bay window and upper floor are particularly significant. Its tablets, lined mortar, keystone and voussoirs on the prominent east and north sides typify the "facadism" inherent in Canadian architecture of that period. Decorative architectural features such as the barge boards and the fine elaboration of the windows, doors, porches and chimneys should also be noted.

Historically this house is closely connected with the Fisher Mill property. The land on which the building stands was purchased in 1858 by David D. Hanna from S. T. Rowe. Mr. Hanna erected a grist mill and sawmill on the property and proceeded to build it into a profitable village industry. The house was built by Mr. Hanna in 1866. In 1869 Mr. Hanna sold the mill privilege to Dancan Fisher but retained the house until 1875. David D. Hanna is also well known in Paisley's history as the builder in 1879 of the flat-bottomed steamer, the Water Witch. He owned a subdivision in the village which included the block of land south of Church Street and west of Queen Street to Victoria Street. In the 1880 "Illustrated Atlas of the County of Bruce", Mr. Hanna is listed as "the proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the best commercial hotel in Paisley." Because of its architectural features and historical association with the Fisher Mill, this house merits preservation within the surrounding district.