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**Re: Designation of 224-226 Richmond Street
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18**

Please find enclosed, for your information, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3375-332, entitled "A by-law to designate 224-226 Richmond Street to be of historical and contextual value, passed by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London on October 24, 2005 and registered as Instrument No ER393127 on October 31, 2005.

The London Advisory Committee on Heritage will be contacting you at a later date to determine whether or not you wish to have a plaque mounted on this building to designate it as a site of historical value.

Kevin Bain
Kevin Bain
City Clerk

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Encl.

cc: R. Cerminara, Building Division, Room 710
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Bill No. 357
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By-law No. L.S.P.-3375-332

A by-law to designate 224-226 Richmond Street to be of historical and contextual value or interest.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18*, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic and contextual value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 224-226 Richmond Street has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

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

1. There is designated as being of historical and contextual value or interest, the real property at the 224-226 Richmond Street, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, 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*.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 24, 2005.



Anne Marie DeCicco
Mayor



Kevin Bain
City Clerk



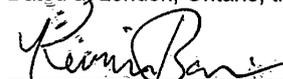
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**CITY OF LONDON
BY-LAW CERTIFICATION RECORD**

First Reading - October 24, 2005
Second Reading - October 24, 2005
Third Reading - October 24, 2005

I, Kevin Bain, *City Clerk* of The Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the document hereunder is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3375-332 of the City of London, passed October 24, 2005.

Dated at London, Ontario, this 30th day of January, 2006.



Kevin Bain, City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3375-332

Part of Lot 10 North of Simcoe Street West on Crown Plan 30 in the City of London and County of Middlesex as in Instrument 857780 and Instrument 938911; and

Part of Lot 10 North of Simcoe Street West on Crown Plan 30 in the City of London and County of Middlesex as in Instrument W43940.

SCHEDULE "B"
To By-law No. L.S.P.-3375-332

Reasons for Designation - 224-226 Richmond Street

(revised 10 October 2004)

Historical Reasons

Examination of City Directory information shows frequent changes in occupants at this semi-detached residence. Many of the occupants were workers in local businesses or were employed as laundresses, seamstresses and clerical workers. In the war years occupants had military connections. There seems to be a clear link to the developing downtown urban economy of London through these years with the residences providing, rental accommodation close to the workplaces.

In 1950 William Agnos purchased 224 Richmond and his daughter, Georgia, bought 226. The Agnos family is significant for both this property and neighbouring properties with which they were associated.

William Agnos, (Anagnostopoulos) himself, came to Canada in 1927 and he brought his wife, Despina, (Pinio) and their three children from Greece in 1935 to join him in London. William owned and operated for many years, until his death, the Capital Shoe Repair and Hat Cleaners business which he relocated in 1951 to 222 Richmond, another semi-detached residence which has since been damaged by fire and demolished. A shoeshine bench used in the business is now in the Museum London collection. His ties to the street were strengthened when, in 1945, he built a new home for his family at 230 Richmond.

The Agnos family is notable for several reasons. William was President of the Greek community association in 1948-1949 and he played a major part in the building of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. He also assisted in establishing a Greek language school on Saturday mornings at Beal Secondary School.

Despina (Pinio) Agnos was also active in Greek cultural societies.

Both parents stressed the importance of education to their children. Son, John, graduated, cum laude, in 1952 from the University of Western Ontario Medical School. His subsequent medical career in radiology saw him retire as Head of Radiology from Westminster Hospital in London. John was also an active and noted environmentalist and former President of the McIlwraith Field Naturalist Society. His interest in science and the environment led him to produce a monthly column on those matters in the London Free Press until his death in 1991. To honour his life's achievement a memorial has been placed on the empty lot at 220-222 Richmond Street.

Georgia Agnos Velos, daughter of William and Pinia, has also achieved prominence as the first Greek immigrant high-school teacher in London at H.B. Beal secondary School. She has also served as President of the Daughters of Penelope, a Greek cultural society. Georgia's daughter, Pamela, became the first Canadian-born woman of Greek ancestry from London to become a medical doctor.

Architectural Reasons

H/A 224/226 Richmond is a two-storey, semi-detached painted brick house with a front rectangular section set on a fieldstone foundation. A rear section, also rectangular is narrower than the front. The building is in the vernacular Italianate style. A notable feature of the house front is its symmetry.

Below a hip roof, there are plain soffits around the building. The second storey of the Richmond St. exterior is broken by four windows evenly spaced across the façade. On the ground floor the building features a bay at each end, each containing a larger central window flanked by two

narrower windows. A porch joins the bays. Within the porch the two front entrances are immediately adjacent, each with a transom above.

Most windows are segmental headed and trimmed with brick voussoirs. Each has simple recessed wood trim. The upper floor windows are two over two as is the central window in each lower bay. The door openings have segmental arches topped by brick voussoirs. The door casings, framed with turned mouldings, are original.

The porch is open but contains a wooden divider separating the entrance to each residence. The porch roof is deeper than the bay windows allowing the roof edge to curve to meet the inside of the bay. The porch fascia has two rows of dentil mouldings extending across each bay. Below the fascia board is a band of turned spindles. The porch is skirted with profiled vertical boards.

H/V Contextual Reasons

224-226 Richmond, architecturally, is important as an example of an 1880's semi-detached residence stressing simplicity and functionality. It recognizes, through its occupants, the relationship of this type of residence to the central business district of the city and the work force. The Agnos family's association with this building and its neighbouring buildings illustrates, also, the emergence of the Greek ethnic community and its contributions to the fabric of London's society and culture. ✓