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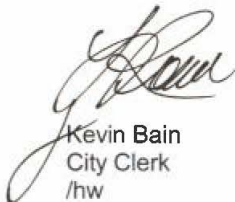


May 1, 2007

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on April 30, 2007 resolved:

7. That, on the recommendation of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, notice of the Municipal Council's intention to designate the property located at 119 Wortley Road to be of historical, architectural and contextual value or interest **BE GIVEN** for the attached reasons under the provisions of subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*; it being pointed out that the owners of the subject property [REDACTED] have concurred in the above recommendation on the understanding that the land to be included in the designation will be as shown on the assessment roll. (7/12/PC)



Kevin Bain  
City Clerk  
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cc:

[REDACTED]  
D. Menard, Heritage Planner  
L. Fisher, Heritage Register  
F. Martin, Documentation Services Representative\*  
Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

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CITY OF LONDON  
PLANNING DIVISION  
MAR 27 2007

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FOR ACTION  
FOR INFORMATION  
FOR REPORT

#### Reasons for Designation: 119 Wortley Road

The house at 119 Wortley Road is recommended for Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a building of cultural heritage value. It exemplifies important characteristics of the late nineteenth century Italianate style. Its use for many years as the rectory of St. James Westminster Church and its contextual presence on its portion of Wortley Road contribute to its cultural significance.

#### Historical Reasons

In 1882 St. James Westminster Anglican Church purchased this property to build its first rectory. The land was part of the Askin estate. It remained the rectory for St. James until 1943.

In 1874 Evans Davis became the first rector of the new parish of London South, St. James. He remained in this capacity for forty-three years by which time the parish was one of the largest and most influential in the diocese. In 1888 he was made a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral and by 1894 he was named Archdeacon of London. In 1903 he was created Dean of Huron without giving up rectorship of his parish church. Davis died in 1919.

Subsequent rectors included the Reverend W. Leslie Armitage from 1918 to 1925 then Thomas G. Wallace until 1946. In 1943 the rectory was relocated to a new building and 119 Wortley Road was converted to four apartments. In 1973 it was renovated into the Forest City Day Nursery which lasted until 1999.

#### Architectural Reasons

Constructed circa 1882, the house was built in the Italianate style. It is a two storey white brick building with an unusually low rise to the ground floor level. The building has three components. The main portion illustrates both the typical Italianate symmetry with three bays, the central bay projecting slightly, and the verticality associated with the Italianate style. Other Italianate features include a low-pitched hip roof, paired brackets beneath the wide overhanging eaves and segmental arched window headings in brick with decorative keystones. A red painted brick string course delineates the first and second stories. A small gable with returned eaves encloses an arched window with a window heading similar to the larger windows on the lower levels. The entrance door case has panelled double leaf doors and a transom.

The window openings are long with the lower ones being longer than the uppers. The front windows are double hung, two over two panes. The window headings project slightly with a small drop each side ending in corbelled bricks.

The second component to the south is set back from the main portion. Its upper window retains the style found in the forward section, the red banding, the segmental arch brick voussoirs and the paired brackets beneath the wide eaves. A keystone is in the upper level arch brick voussoir; on the ground level in the voussoir arch is the keystone formerly located over the main door. A double panelled transom sits above a French door.

A third component is a rectangular addition attached to the rear portion of the residence.

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**Contextual Reasons**

119 Wortley Road is sited in the midst of buildings of equal size and massing on the west side of Wortley Road. Its three neighbours to the north are also Italianate in appearance. The resulting streetscape is an important reminder of the former London South prior to its annexation by the City in 1891.

**Owner's Declaration of Agreement with the Reasons for Designation**

**I / We agree with the Reasons for Designation for 119 Wortley Road as written above.**



March 27<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Date

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Name

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Date