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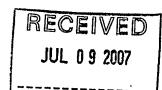
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July 6, 2007

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

Wortley Living Inc.



Re: Designation of 119 Wortley Road

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.-3391-155, entitled "A by-law to designate 119 Wortley Road to be of historical and contextual value", passed by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London on June 25, 2007 and registered as Instrument No.ER511962 on July 4, 2007.

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 and contextual value.

Linda Rowe Deputy Clerk

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Encl.

cc:

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CITY OF LONDON BY-LAW CERTIFICATION RECORD

I, <u>Linda Rowe, Manager of Legislative Services</u>, 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.-3391-155 passed by Municipal Council on June 25, 2007 and came into force and effect on June 25, 2007.

Bill No. 248 2007

Dated at London, Ontario, this 6th day of July, 2007.

By-law No. L.S.P.-3391-155

Linda Bowe Manager of Legislative Services A by-law to designate 119 Wortley Road 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 119 Wortley Road 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 119 Wortley Road, 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 June 25, 2007.

Kevin Bain City Clerk

First Reading – June 25, 2007 Second Reading – June 25, 2007 Third Reading – June 25, 2007

SCHEDULE "A" To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3391-155

All of Lot 126 on Registered Plan 122(4th) in the City of London and County of Middlesex

SCHEDULE "B" To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3391-155

Reasons for Designation

119 Wortley road

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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 1880 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 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 Revered W. Leslie Armtago 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 into 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 story 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 verticality associated with the Italianate style. Other Italianate features include a low-pitched hip roof, paired with decorative keystones. A red painted brick string course delineates the first and second stories. A small gable with returned eaves encloses and arched window with a window heading similar to the larger windows on the lower levels. The entrance door case has paneled 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 sites above a French door.

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

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.