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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON



To Carl (Pam)

DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK
K.W. SADLER, CITY CLERK

December 14, 1987

Ministry of Citizenship & Culture
Heritage Branch
7th Floor, 77 Bloor Street West
TORONTO, Ontario
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

DEC 21 1987

HERITAGE BRANCH

Re: Designation of 670 Oxford Street East, London
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337

Please find enclosed, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2849(a)-13, a by-law to amend by-law No. L.SP.-2849-347, entitled "A by-law to designate 670 Oxford Street East of architectural value," passed by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London on December 7, 1987.

Yours truly,

R.J. Tolmie

for R.J. Tolmie
Assistant City Clerk

/ds

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By-law No. L.S.P.-2849(a)-13

A by-law to amend By-law No. L.S.P.-2849-347, entitled "A by-law to designate 670 Oxford Street East of architectural value."

WHEREAS the Municipal Council at its meeting on August 6, 1985, enacted By-law No. L.S.P.-2849-347, pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337, for the purpose of designating the property at 670 Oxford Street East to be of architectural value or interest;

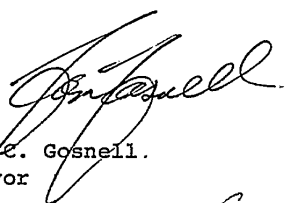
AND WHEREAS the said designating by-law did not include the reasons for designating the interior features of the property;


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

1. By-law No. L.S.P.-2849-347, passed on August 6, 1985, entitled "A by-law to designate 670 Oxford Street East of architectural value." is amended by repealing Schedules "A" and "B" appended thereto and by enacting in their place, Schedules "A" and "B" as appended hereto.

2. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on December 7, 1987.


T. C. Gosnell.
Mayor


K. W. Sadler
City Clerk

First reading - December 7, 1987
Second reading - December 7, 1987
Third reading - December 7, 1987

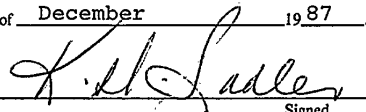


CITY OF LONDON

BY-LAW CERTIFICATION

I, K.W. Sadler, City Clerk
of the Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the By-law hereunder
is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2849(a)-13
of the City of London, passed on December 7, 1987.

DATED at London, Ontario this 14th day of December, 1987.


Signed

SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2849(a)-13

FIRSTLY

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, and being composed of Lot No. 19 according to Registered Plan No. 866.

SECONDLY

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, and being composed of Lot No. 53, according to Registered Plan No. 7. SAVE AND EXCEPT that part of said Lot No. 53 subdivided by Lot No. 19 according to Registered Plan No. 866.

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2849(a)-13

Architectural Reasons

A High Victorian, two-and-one-half storey mansion, 670 Oxford Street East is unusual for the early use of its construction material. Built C.1882, it appears to be London's earliest surviving example of domestic concrete block construction. As the principal era of this type of construction in Canada was between 1900 and 1920, a building of this description erected before 1890 is exceedingly rare. From its completion until the 1930's, the house was repeatedly and drastically altered to keep pace with changes in current taste. Alterations have included rebuilt chimneys, changes in roof and cornice lines, additions to the front, rear and west elevations, and a two-car garage and a massive sweeping verandah, both of rubble stone.

Interior features of note are the artificially grained wood baseboards, doors and window frames and the diverse series of interior doors; the highly ingenious and original cellar door which is hinged at the top and balanced by a counter weight, activated by a foot latch; the folding door which divides the east and west parlours; and the sliding doors with decorative arched glass panels which separate the dining room from the centre hallway. Also of importance are the three marbleized fireplaces in the west parlour, the dining room and the second floor bedroom above the west parlour, and the wooden fireplace in the east parlour. Two grand staircases enhance the interior as well - one forms part of the centre hallway and the other, to the right of the front entranceway, is lighted by a large Palladian window of stained glass.