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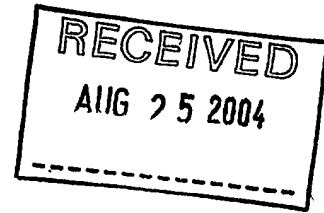
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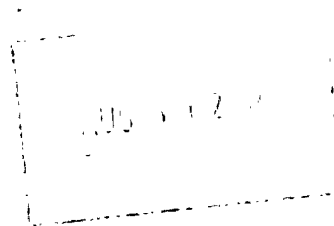


**REGISTERED**

August 24, 2004

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



**Re: Designation of 556 Adelaide Street North  
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.-3364-172, entitled "A by-law to designate 556 Adelaide Street North to be of historical and contextual value or interest", passed by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London on August 3, 2004 and registered as Instrument No. ER305853 on August 10, 2004.

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 historic and contextual value.

*Kevin Bain*

Kevin Bain  
City Clerk  
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Enclosure

cc: C. Nelson, Planning Division, Room 603  
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By-law No. L.S.P.-3364-172

A by-law to designate 556 Adelaide Street North 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 556 Adelaide Street North 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 556 Adelaide Street North, 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 August 3, 2004.



Anne Marie DeCicco  
Mayor



Kevin Bain  
City Clerk



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CITY OF LONDON  
DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION RECORD

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.-3364-172 passed in Open Council on August 3, 2004.

First Reading - August 3, 2004  
Second Reading - August 3, 2004  
Third Reading - August 3, 2004

Dated at London, Ontario, this 23rd day of August, 2004.



Kevin Bain,  
City Clerk

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3364-172**

All of Lot 6 on Registered Plan 388(3<sup>rd</sup>) in the City of London and County of Middlesex.

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3364-172**

Reasons for Designation

**556 Adelaide Street North – Reasons for designation**

**Historical Reasons**

Built circa 1888, the first recorded occupant is Thomas Heard, listed as stonecutter. The two properties immediately to the south, 554 and 552 Adelaide Street are listed at that time in the city directory as "Thomas Heard Marble Works". The business provided marble, sandstone, limestone and other forms of stone for fireplace mantles, exterior door and window archways and gravestone markers. Many of the businesses around William Street and Adelaide Street at the CPR tracks during this period were merchants selling brick, lumber, stone and coal. Some continued to operate in this area for over 100 years. Today, the Heard house is a lonely reminder of a once thriving business neighbourhood mostly dedicated to building materials.

**Architectural Reasons**

A unique feature on this house, not seen on any other house in the City of London, is the arched sandstone windows on the front of the house with matching bottom sandstone sills. One pair on the main floor forms a one-piece double arch, separated by a brick mullion. An identical pair on the second floor and a single arched window on the third floor attic, is half the size of the larger windows. In size, shape and preparation, these windows are nearly identical to the twinned arched windows used in the Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church, except that the latter has brick arches.

The foundation of the house is an interesting collection of limestone, sandstone, marble and other unidentified types of stone. Some stones are very large and perfectly square and flat, others appear to be old window sills, some in whole, some with broken, irregular ends, the places filled by mortar. The stones themselves show a variety of different cutting techniques and carving marks on the stone faces, ranging from very rough to extremely smooth and true and a large variety in between those extremes. Records show Mr. Heard was a stonecutter in London for at least ten years before the building of this house; therefore, it can be assumed that the foundation is assembled from various leftovers, returns and broken stone parts from his years of business.

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