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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 86-85

A By-law to Designate the Property known Municipally as The Howland House, 17 Church Street, Huntsville as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 'The Howland House' at 17 Church Street, Huntsville, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as 'The Howland House' at 17 Church Street, Huntsville, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this 8th day of September A.D., 1986.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

READ a second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of September A.D., 1986.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

## SCHEDULE "A"

### THE HOWLAND HOUSE, 17 CHURCH STREET, HUNTSVILLE Plan 7, Lot 1 Town of Huntsville

This building is being designated for both architectural and historical reasons. Dr. Francis L. Howland was Huntsville's first doctor, arriving in 1875. He lived and had his office in this fine house. In 1897, he built a brick hospital on Huntsville's Main Street East.

Besides his medical practice, he was involved in all aspects of the development of early Huntsville. He founded and edited the original newspaper "The Liberal", but 3 years later when Mr. F.W. Clearwater became a partner, the name was changed to The Forester. Dr. Howland was very involved in petitioning the Government to get the railway to come through Huntsville, which it did.

He was also influential in getting the Court House and Lock-up built on High Street in 1883, and for road improvements in the area.

Dr. Howland was active in both Municipal and Provincial politics. He was Reeve of Chaffey Township in 1882, and was 6 times Reeve of the Village of Huntsville - 1889, 1890, 1893, 1895 and 1896. After Huntsville became a Town, he was Mayor in 1904. A staunch Liberal, he unsuccessfully ran in the Provincial Election in 1905 against Arthur C. Mahaffy of Bracebridge.

After Dr. Howland's death in 1916, the house was purchased by the Anglo Canadian Leather Company, who owned it until 1964. It was originally rented to John Collins and family, a clarinetist with the Anglo Canadian Concert Band. Later, descendants of C.O. Shaw lived in the house.

The Howland House is a good example of 19th Century Ontario farmhouse vernacular architecture. The home, which was built in the 1880's is well preserved considering its age and type of construction.

The home sits on a small corner lot facing Church Street and Mill Street. The two storey wood frame structure has a generous verandah that wraps around the east, north and west elevations. The roof of the verandah is supported by wooden doric style columns which rest on red brick piers. A pair of French doors lead from the parlor to the east side of the porch. The wood floor of the verandah needs repair.

The steeply sloping gable roof has a large dormer on the east and west side. A gothic window sits in each of these dormers.

A bay, with five windows, adorns the east elevation. The upper sash of each window is divided into four lights that have a decorative gothic pattern. The rest of the windows, with the exception of a second storey sunroom at the back of the house, are double hung and have four equal lights.

The tongue and groove horizontal siding has corner board trim and a wooden water table board.

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The interior of the home has a beautiful wooden staircase leading from the main entry to the second floor. Two balusters on each tread support a fine wood handrail. Unfortunately, the original open stair well has been enclosed by walls that were added at a later date.

The interior of the Howland House has retained most of its original wood baseboards and door mouldings.

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