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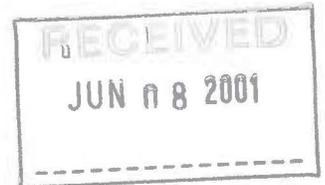


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June 6, 2001



Mr. Mike Waddell,
Chief Administrative Officer,
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry,
20 Pitt Street,
Cornwall, ON K6J 3P2

Dear Mr. Waddell:

RE: INTENT TO DESIGNATE BY BYLAW, THE UNITED COUNTIES COURTHOUSE/JAIL AND PROPERTY, UNDER CHAPTER 337, PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.

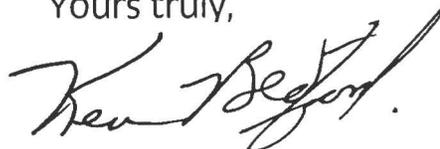
Based on a presentation/request by Mr. Dennis Carter-Edwards, Chairman, Cornwall LACAC, at the Regular City of Cornwall Council meeting of May 28, 2001, it was agreed to proceed to Designate by Bylaw the United Counties courthouse, jail and property. It is my understanding that the Cornwall LACAC has County Council support for this initiative to protect specified elements of the subject structures and grounds.

In order to fulfill Heritage Act requirements and by way of this letter, both the landowners, United Counties of S.D. & G. and the Ontario Heritage Foundation, are being notified of said intent to designate. The attached notice will be posted in the City Page of the Standard Freeholder on Saturday, June 16th, 2001 and details the contents of a proposed Bylaw.

There is a thirty (30) day appeal period from the date of the notice appearing in the paper in order for anyone to lodge an appeal through the City Clerk to the Ontario Conservation Review Board. Assuming no appeals are lodged, Council is then in a position to pass a Bylaw and have the City Solicitor register the Bylaw on title and for staff to post a Notice of Passing in the newspaper.

I trust this information is satisfactory to you and should you, in the interim period, have any comments/questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact this office accordingly.

Yours truly,



Ken Bedford, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

KDB/bb
attach. (Notice of Intent to Designate)

- c.c. S. Alexander, Manager, Planning/Housing Services
- D. Labelle-Gélinas, Acting Clerk
- ✓ Director, Ontario Heritage Foundation
- D. Carter-Edwards, Chairman, Cornwall LACAC

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO PASS A DESIGNATING BYLAW FOR THE UNITED COUNTIES
COURTHOUSE/JAIL AND REAL PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall intends to pass a Designating Bylaw under Chapter 337, PART IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 (as amended).

AND TAKE NOTICE, that any person or agency may appeal to the Conservation Review Board in respect of the proposed Designating Bylaw by filing with the Clerk of the City of Cornwall, not later than thirty (30) days of the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the proposed Bylaw and the reasons in support of the objection.

The property subject to the proposed Bylaw is legally described as Part of Lot 16 and Lot 17, northside of Water Street, City of Cornwall, consisting of about 1.41 acres of land lying at the north west corner of Pitt and Water Streets and known municipally as *20 Pitt Street*, being the United Counties Courthouse/jail and real property.

Reasons for the Proposed Bylaw and Specific Elements for Coverage under Said Bylaw

PREAMBLE

The United Counties Courthouse is a building of local architectural and historic significance. Constructed in 1834/1835, the building is a fine example of Palladian architecture style, widely used in the nineteenth century for institutional buildings. The projecting central section, surmounted by a triangular pediment is balanced by two slightly recessed flanking wings, capped by a hip roof. The exterior finish of hammer dressed limestone imparts an austere and imposing character to the structure, symbolic of its judicial and administrative function. Subsequent additions and renovations to the courthouse have modified but not changed the essential character of this historic structure.

Meetings of the Courts of Quarter Session and later County Council were held here until 1853 when county officials purchased the former town hall of Cornwall, located adjacent to the courthouse and converted it to administrative offices and meeting rooms. In 1885 the counties moved their administrative offices back to the courthouse, adding a new wing to the east facade to house these facilities. Additional office space was provided in 1958-1959 with the construction of a new wing to the north east.

The original gaoler's residence and prisoners' cells on the main floor have been substantially modified. In 1858 the gaol keeper was provided with a new residence immediately to the west of the courthouse while the cells were reconfigured to provide separate quarters for men and women prisoners. Since 1968 the jailer's residence has been converted to office space, the entry from the centre main floor lobby has been modified and additional changes made to the layout of the jail.

The second floor court room has experienced some alterations. A new judge's bench was added in 1985, and new ceiling and lighting fixtures added in the 1960's. The windows were changed in the 1980's.

Despite these changes, the building retains a remarkable degree of integrity while performing functions it was originally designed to carry out more than one hundred and seventy years ago. It is for these reasons, the United Counties Courthouse/jail and real property is being recommended for designation.

Specific elements that have been identified for inclusion in the Bylaw consist of:

- The existing footprint and configuration of the building with projecting central bay, recessed wings and hipped roof;
- The front facade with its central pediment and balanced window openings;
- hammer dressed, exterior masonry finish;
- surviving interior wood panelling, staircases, baseboards and decorative plaster elements from the original construction or nineteenth century modifications;
- the fire proof safe located in the vault;
- The exterior grounds at the front entrance with an unimpeded view to the river together with the "fixtures" such as the canon, period stocks, signage and pathways/plantings which are of an historic/period nature.

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