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# Owen Sound

December 23, 2010

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Notice of Designation of Heritage Property – The Former U.S. Consulate Located at 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West**

At their meeting of **December 20, 2010**, City Council passed the following By-law:

**By-law No. 2010-235**, "A By-law to Designate Property Known as The Former U.S. Consulate Located at 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West as Being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Paragraph 29."

Enclosed for your files is a copy of By-law 2010-235 which has been forwarded to our solicitor, D.R. Greenfield, LL.B., who will register the property on title as a heritage property. We will advise your office once the registration has been complete. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Lois K. O'Neill, M.P.A.  
Acting City Clerk

c: Sandra Parks, Development Coordinator/Heritage Coordinator

Encl.

**BY-LAW NO. 2010-235**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND**

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER U.S. CONSULATE LOCATED AT 932 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE WEST AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, PARAGRAPH 29**

WHEREAS Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Paragraph 29, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS it has been requested by the owners of the Former U.S. Consulate located at 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West and the Community Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee that the said property be designated for cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West in the City of Owen Sound and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the said property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

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

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, property known as the Former U.S. Consulate situated municipally at 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West in the City of Owen Sound, more particularly described as Plan 29, Lot 6, Part Lot 5, west side of Mullholland, Part Lots 5 and 6, east side of Terrace, now known as 932 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West in the City of Owen Sound, County of Grey.
2. The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of the Property's Heritage Attributes for designation for the property described in Clause 1 hereof are as follows:

***Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest***

The Former U.S. Consulate's design or physical value lies in it being one of the few examples of the Late Victorian version of Italian Villa style of architecture in Owen Sound. Typical of this style, it features a square tower at the junction of the irregular L-shaped plan, with large proportions, a variety of textures and shapes, and elaborately decorated wraparound veranda. The structure contains materials and finishes which display a high degree of artistic merit in design and craftsmanship in construction.

Built in 1890, the Former U.S. Consulate has strong historical or associative value because it was used in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as the home and office of U.S. Consul Col. A.G. Seyfert, evidence of Owen Sound's place in American shipping. As well, the house was built and lived in by representatives of Owen Sound's business, government and industry leaders. Built by John Wesley Redfern, a hardware merchant and entrepreneur, it was subsequently purchased by police magistrate Alfred David Creasor, and industrialist Colin Russel.

The property has contextual value because the Former U.S. Consulate is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the original character of this street which contains many other heritage homes; it has become physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior attributes that embody the design or physical value of the Former U.S. Consulate include its:

- original 2½-storey irregular plan house
- truncated hip roof of house, shallow pitched porch roof, gable roofs, patterned metal tower roofs
- multi-flue chimney shafts in red brick
- all wood doors & decorative trim on exterior of house & tower, including wraparound porch
- all brick & stone work, including foundations
- all wood sash windows of the original house & tower
- stained, leaded, bevelled & textured glass of all windows & doors of the original house & tower

3. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Clause 1 in the proper land registry office.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the property affected by this By-law and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

5. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

FINALLY PASSED AND ENACTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF  
 BY-LAW NO. 2010-235 passed by  
 City Council on December 20, 2010

*[Signature]*  
 Acting Deputy City Clerk, B. Bloomfield  
 City of Owen Sound.

*[Signature]*  
 Mayor

*[Signature]*  
 Acting Clerk