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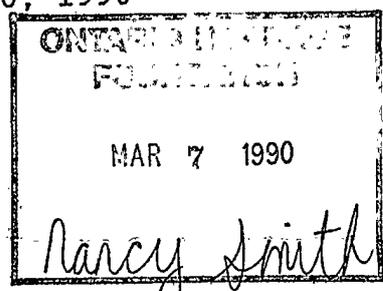
TOWN OF  
PENETANGUISHENE

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February 26, 1990



Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

As per the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, Section 29(6) please find enclosed a certified copy of By-laws 1990-8 and 1990-9 designating the properties known municipally as the W.R. Benson Home, 69 Poyntz Street and The Green Block, 1 Water Street, respectfully, as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest.

Copies of the by-law have been forwarded to our solicitor for registration against the property in the Simcoe County Land Registry Office. Also, the notice of passing of a by-law has been sent to the local newspaper for publication.

If any further information is required with regards to the designation please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (705) 549-7453.

Yours truly,

*Wilfrid Guthrie Jr.*

Wilfrid Guthrie Jr.  
Secretary  
Heritage Penetanguishene

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Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
PENETANGUISHENE

BY-LAW NO. 1990-9



Being a by-law to designate the property known as  
The Green Block, 1 Water Sreet, as being of  
of Architectural and Historical value and interest.

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1980,  
Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws  
to designate real property including all buildings and structures  
thereon, to be of Architectural and/or Historical value and interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of  
Penetanguishene has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and  
premises known as "The Green Block", 1 Water Street, and upon the  
Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intent to designate the  
aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intent 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;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene enacts as  
follows:

1. The real property known as "The Green Block", 1 Water Street,  
more particularly described as Part Lot 1 in Registered Plan 37  
north side Water Street in the Town of Penetanguishene, County of  
Simcoe in the Province of Ontario, is hereby designated as being  
of Architectural and Historical value and interest, as provided  
for in the reason for designation as attached hereto as Schedule  
"A".
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of  
this by-law and the reasons for designation, to be registered  
against the property described above, 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 a newspaper having general  
circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive  
weeks.

BY-LAW READ a first, second and third time and finally passed in  
Council this 26th day of February, 1990.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF:

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BYLAW NO. 1990-09

EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Y. A. GAGNE  
TOWN CLERK

(Signed) R SULLIVAN

Mayor

(Signed) Y. A. GAGNE

Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 1990-9



Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The Green Block was named as such because it was painted green by the man who built it, Alfred Andrew Thompson. It is presumed he built it in the 1840's as a mercantile building, which it continued to be used as such even today. A.A. Thompson operated a fur trading post and an extensive general mercantile business from the building. The fur business attracted buyers from Montreal, New York, London, Berlin and Australia. As late as 1881 the proceeds of A.A. Thompson's fur sales totalled \$12,000 to \$20,000 per annum. Family members took over the business and continued to run a dry goods, grocery and provision store. In 1944 a Mr. Meads bought the store and opened a clothing and grocery store for 15 years. The second floor of the building had primarily been used as office space.

When reference is made to the 1907 photograph of the Green Block, it would appear that the building has Italianate styling incorporated into it's design. The second floor facade provides us with those elements typical of this style. There are 6 windows on the south facade and three on the east facade. They are grouped in sets of 3 windows and in the south facade they are spaced at an equidistant in each half of the facade. In each set of 3 windows, a single double hung window has two double hung windows on each side of it. Over all the windows is a half round fixed window. All the windows have a cut stone lugsill and a brick surroundhead. A trim at the same level of the top of the double hung windows surround the building. There are arches over the two double hung windows in each set and an arch in the shape of an ogee around the single double hung window. There is corbelled brick work below the wood cornice. This corbelled brick design supports and forms part of the parapet wall, above the flat built up roof, which in turn supported two very uniquely designed and ornamental silhouettes. The flemish bond brick building has been painted over several times, initially green. The lower floor has an imitation dressed log front. This supports 8 large store windows allowing the passerby to see into the store. At one time the windows were within approximately 12" of the sidewalk. The two main doors of the store are recessed in from the exterior wall. On either side of the doors two of the windows are set on an angle forming a funnel effect to the door. The other windows are flush with the exterior wall exposing the display area.