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**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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**Notice of Intention to Amend
Heritage Designations Bylaws**

Bylaw 2381- McMillian Building

Bylaw 2439- Matheson House

Bylaw 2458 Sheriff House

Bylaw 2529- Rockcliff Cottage

Bylaw 2522 Farmers Block

Bylaw 2586- Town Hall

Bylaw 2785 St. James Church

Bylaw 2978 St. Andrew's Church

Bylaw 2980 Codes Mill

**Pursuant To the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act
R.S.O. 1990 Section 29, Section 30.1(2) to (10)**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth intends to amend Bylaw Numbers

2381, 2439, 2458, 2529, 2522, 2586, 2785, 2978, and 2980

The intent of the amendments to the bylaws is to clarify the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the description of heritage attributes, and legal descriptions of properties.

Further information is available upon request from the Heritage Manager, Karen Rennie at 613-267-1947.

Any notice of objection, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Perth, Ontario this 8th day of January, 2010
Lauren Walton, Clerk, Town of Perth
613-267-3311 ext. 2239

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 2529-1

**A by-law to amend the Municipal Heritage Designation
of Rockcliff Cottage By-law No. 2529**

WHEREAS, Section 29 in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to bring the designation into compliance with the current standards for designation of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole has reviewed CoW Report 2010-4.UB.3 and concurs with staff and LACAC recommendations;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #09-185 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;

AND WHEREAS on January 8th 2010, notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of Rockcliff Cottage was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;

AND WHEREAS the public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within 30 days of the notice, to the Clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of February 8th, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Perth is desirous of enacting such an amendment to the by-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of Rockcliff Cottage.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Perth hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 2529, be amended to remove in its entirety Section 1 and 2 and be replaced as follows:

The following property is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest:

PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Building/Property Name: Rock Cliff Cottage

Address: 11 Lewis Street

Original Owner: Dr. Alexander Thom

Present Owner: [REDACTED]

Date Built: Pre - 1833

Architect/Contractor: Unknown

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Designation: By-law No. 2529 - February 14, 1984

Registration: Registered in the Registry Office February 17, 1984; # 91816

Description of Property:

A 1 1/2 storey, wooden frame residence located on a half acre property on the east side of Lewis Street overlooking the Tay River. The property is in the area of Perth originally known as Carolina Village.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Stewart residence (Rock Cliff Cottage) is an early, representative example of a storey and a half Ontario Cottage, centre hall plan, centered gable on the front façade with a rear kitchen tail. The main building is timber frame. Both it and the log kitchen extension are sheathed in clapboard. Single chimneys are centered on each gable with masonry fireplace and bake oven on the gable end of the kitchen. All three chimneys have been rebuilt in brick above the roof line. The date the house was constructed is not known. The structural evidence including the log portion and the timber frame construction, accordion lath, open cooking fireplace, beehive bake oven and 8 over 12 lights in the windows suggests pre 1833. The house has undergone a number of renovations and remodeling including conversion to a duplex in the 1940's. A conservatory built in 1984 using salvaged windows follows the original configuration of the wrap around veranda on the south and east façades and respects the finishes and style of the original house.

This single dwelling is situated on land which was originally owned by Dr. Alexander Thom (1775 - 1845) and may have been built for family members. Arriving in 1816 with the first group of settlers, Staff-Surgeon Thom was the official army doctor for the Perth Military Settlement until 1822. However he was clearly more concerned with his commercial activities and constructed the first mills in the fledgling community. A senior magistrate in the area, he was a person of considerable influence in the first decades of the town.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The main architectural elements of this residence which emphasize its heritage attributes are the following:

- The simple, clean lines and three bay proportions of the main Lewis Street façade finished in clapboard.
- A classic main entry surround featuring fluted, rectangular side columns, dentiled lintel, semi-elliptical fanlight and sunburst tracery and partial sidelights.
- Centered, four pane windows with lightly arched tops on either side of the main entry installed in an 1890's renovation

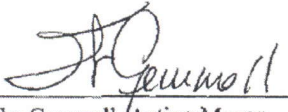
Legal Description: The building and property at 11 Lewis Street
Part Lot L.G.N. Tay River on Plan 8828
Roll # 0921 020 050 043

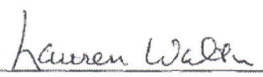
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- Perth, Tradition & Style in Eastern Ontario; Larry Turner; Natural Heritage/ Natural History Inc.; 1992.
- Perth Application for Heritage Designation Form; John J. Stewart; 1983.
- Information provided by John J. Stewart December 2008 & March 2009

Revised: December 2008, by Sam Kingdon
further revised by L.A.C.A.C. March 23 2009.

Read a first time, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of March, 2010.


John Gemmell, Acting Mayor


Lauren Walton, Clerk

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