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July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

**Jim Leonard,**  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust,  
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**Re: Notice of Amendment to Municipally Designated Heritage Properties –  
10 Market Square and 61 Drummond Street East, Perth ON, By-Law # 2583-  
1 and 2537-1**

Dear Mr. Leonard,

The Town of Perth and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (MHAP) have been working to update municipal heritage designations in order to bring them into compliance with the current standards for designations of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

As the Registrar for the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Town is hereby providing you with notice of the approved amendments. (See attached). The amendments clarify the Statement of Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes of said properties.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Rennie, Heritage Manager/Curator at 613-267-1947.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Walton".

Lauren Walton, Clerk  
Enc.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 2583-1

**A By-law to amend By-law No. 2583, being a By-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of the Gemmill House located at 10 Market Square**

**1. Recitals:**

- 1.1. 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;
- 1.2. 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;
- 1.3. The Committee of the Whole reviewed Report 2012-CoW-7.UB.2 and concurs with the information presented;
- 1.4. The Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #11-230 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;
- 1.5. On January 27th 2012, notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of the Gemmill House was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;
- 1.6. The public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within thirty (30) days of the notice, to the Clerk;
- 1.7. The Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of March 1st, 2012;
- 1.8. Council for The Corporation of the Town of Perth deems it advisable to pass this By-law.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth enacts as follows:

**1. AUTHORIZATION**

- 1.1. That By-law No. 2583 be amended in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

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

**PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES**

<b>Building/Property Name:</b>	<b>The Gemmill House</b>
<b>Address:</b>	10 Market Square, on Cockburn Island
<b>Original Owner:</b>	Robert Gemmill
<b>Present Owner:</b>	██████████
<b>Date Built:</b>	1857
<b>Architect/Contractor:</b>	Unknown
<b>Original Use:</b>	Residence
<b>Present Use:</b>	Law Offices
<b>Date Designated:</b>	December 11, 1984 (revised August, 2011)
<b>Registration:</b>	Plan 8828 Pt. Lots 33 & 34 / RP27R2492 Pts. 1, 2 and 4

**Reason for Designation:** This “Gothic Revival” house, of “plank on plank” construction, built in the late 1850’s for distiller Robert Gemmill, occupies a central position on Market Square overlooking the J.A. Stewart Park.

**Statement of Cultural and Historical Value or Interest:** This house was built in 1857 for Robert Gemmill and it remained in the Gemmill family until 1932. After that it was the residence of the Ven. Archdeacon D’Arcy Clayton, rector of St. James’ Anglican Church.

Deed to the property was registered to Fred Burchell in 1942 and in later years it was the residence of Scott Burchell and family.

In 1982 the law firm of O’Donnell, Dulmage, Bond, March and Anderson purchased the building and, in consultation with John Stewart of Commonwealth Historic Management, converted it to offices and had the building designated as a Perth Heritage site. A side addition was constructed at that time.

The building is now the home of separate law practices of James Bond and Greg Anderson.

**Architectural Value:** When he built this “Gothic Revival” house, Robert Gemmill constructed it to last. He used the method of “plank on plank” that gives walls 20 centimetres of thickness. The interior walls were just as thick, which made it difficult to add electrical outlets later.

Originally, the outside walls were stucco (made to look like ashlar stone), but most have subsequently been aluminum sided. The original wall construction can be seen at the front of the building.

Some of the Victorian, Gothic style windows contained the original glass into the 1980’s a beautiful Regency styled verandah was a feature of the house in much earlier years, but has undergone alteration to its present simplicity.

Unlike so many houses of the era, this house had no fireplaces, but was heated by the innovatively new “Quebec” heaters and wood burning stoves.

Gemmill installed the very first door bell in Perth on this house and claims to have had the first oil lamp in town. The original door bell is still in use on the front door.

One of the attractive features of this house is, of course, its setting. Overlooking the sweeping curve of Market Square, it has the beautiful scenery of Stewart Park practically at its doorstep.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

- Neoclassical design with centre hallway
- Centre gable with wooden casement window
- 20 centimetre plank on plank construction
- Windows - Victorian, gothic style, main floor single/double hung 6 over 6 wooden sash eared casing
- Verandah – Regency style porch has been replaced by a more simple style, 4 wooden posts and hand rail, tongue and groove flooring and v-groove ceiling
- Front facade plaster impressed to appear as ashlar masonry
- Cornice and cornice returns complete but clad in metal
- Sympathetic board and batten addition

#### **Legal Description**

- Plan 8828 Pt. Lots 33 & 34
- RP27R2492 Pts. 1, 2 and 4
- Assessment # 020 045 063

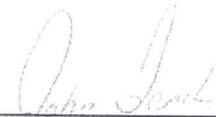
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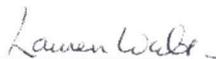
- *Perth Courier*, July 27, 1983

**2. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

- 2.1. That this By-law shall come into force and effect upon passage thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

  
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John Fenik, Mayor

  
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Lauren Walton, Clerk

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