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October 6, 2015

Ontario Heritage Trust
ATTN: Calvin Ostner, Community Planner
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Re: Notice of Amendment to Three (3) Municipally Designated Heritage Properties

Dear Mr. Ostner,

The Town of Perth and the Heritage Perth Advisory Panel (HPAP) 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 three (3) amendments, attached, to the following properties:

1. 2445-1 – The Old Fire Hall, 34 Herriott Street;
2. 2521-1 – Haggart House, 41 Mill Street, and;
3. 2524-1 – John Doran House (St. George's Hotel), 15-17 Harvey Street.

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,

Lauren Walton, Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 2445-1

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2445, being a By-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of the Old Fire Hall located at 34 Herriott Street

Recitals:

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.
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*.
3. The Committee of the Whole reviewed Report 2015-COW-12.2 and Report 2015-COW-9.UB.2 and concurs with the information presented.
4. The Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #15-067 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation.
5. On July 8th, 2015, Notice of Intention to amend the heritage designation of the Old Fire Hall was served on the property owner, The Corporation of the Town of Perth, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy.
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.
7. The Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of August 14, 2015.
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. 2445, be amended in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Building/Property Name:	Old Fire Hall
Address:	34 Herriott Street
Original Owner:	The Corporation of the Town of Perth
Present Owner:	The Corporation of the Town of Perth
Date Built:	Main Building - 1855 Hose Tower and 2 nd storey – 1883
Architect/Contractor:	Engine House: unknown Hose Tower & 2 nd storey – Messrs. Houre & McWilliams
Original Use:	Fire Hall

Present Use: Perth and District Union Library Offices

Designation: By-law No. 2445 – June 8, 1982

Registration: Instrument No. RS85256 – June 15, 1982

Description of Property:

The Old Fire Hall is a two storey red brick building with an adjoining mansard-roofed square tower and is one of the few remaining fire halls dating back as far as 1855.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The engine house of the Perth Fire Hall was erected in 1855 and the second storey additions, as well as the tower, were completed by October 1883. After a fire, one (1) man climbed to the tower on a ladder, dropped down a rope with a strong hook, and caught up a section of hose. The hose was then pulled up into the tower by a pulley, and allowed to hang down and drip. A worn depression and a drain in the floor of the main room of the engine house shows a well-worn path where surplus water was drained from the hoses and allowed to escape to an underground well outside. There were three (3) alarms; one (1) rang out from the Town Hall, one (1) near the present United Church, and one (1) near the corner of Gore and Brock Streets. The alarm bell indicated the possible direction of the fire.

In the 1940's this Fire Hall was abandoned in favour of a larger facility at Perth Town Hall. Subsequently this building has served as an Art Gallery (known as the Fire Hall Gallery), and as the offices of the Downtown Heritage Perth Business Improvement Area (BIA).

It has also been the site of the Perth and District Chamber of Commerce offices. An early example of the adaptive re-use of buildings in Perth.

The Old Fire Hall is unique in that it is one of the few remaining fire halls dating as far back as 1855, and its excellent condition is a tribute to the fine skills of the craftsmen of the day.

Architectural Value:

A rare example of an early fire hall with a variety of architectural styles and materials incorporated in its construction. It is a vestige of the institutional, commercial and residential core of this part of the Town.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

- Wooden architrave and cornice returns on engine building.
- Soft red brick of the engine building with distinctive columnar detail on gable wall and chimney at peak.
- The mansard roof on the tower with wooden circular arched vents and cornice brackets, roughly 50 feet high.
- The tapered tower has a bottom portion of stone with the top portion of buff brick.
- Segmentally-headed wooden fenestrations throughout.
- The large double bi-fold wood doors at entry.
- Quarried stones in the wall edge of the Old Fire Hall and new library were rescued from the once majestic train station in Town.
- Large wooden doors on base of Fire Tower (interior).

Legal Description:

PT LT 4, S/S HERRIOTT T PL 8828, BEING PT 2, 27R2018 (being Part of PIN 05178-0003)

References:

- Shortt, Edward, Ed.; *Perth Remembered*; The Perth Museum; 1967.
- Quattrochi, Gus; *The Merchants, Professionals and Tradespeople of Perth*; Published by the Author; 1996.
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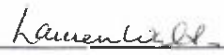
2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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 22nd day of September, 2015.



John Gemmell, Acting Mayor



Lauren Walton, Clerk

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