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October 6, 2015

Ontario Heritage Trust
ATTN: Calvin Ostner, Community Planner
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON
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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

Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 2524-1

A By-law to amend By-law No. 2524, being a By-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of the John Doran House (St. George's Hotel) located at 15-17 Harvey 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 John Doran House (St. George's Hotel) was served on the property owner, Kent Keuninckx and Vicki Lynn Keuninckx 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. 2524 be amended in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Building/Property Name: The John Doran House (St. George's Hotel)

Address: 15 – 17 Harvey Street

Original Owner: John Doran

Present Owner: [REDACTED]

Date Built: c. 1830

Architect/Contractor: Unknown/Possibly John Doran

Original Use: Private Residence

Present Use: Residential – apartments

Date Designated: By-law No. 2524 – January 24, 1984

Registration: Instrument No. RS91635 – January 30 1984

Description of Property:

A Georgian inspired, two (2) storey stone structure occupying a prominent location near the centre of the original Perth Military Settlement. This imposing building, in close proximity to the courthouse, served as a popular hotel in its early decades and stood on the height of land originally known as Mt. Myers.

This substantial building was constructed of local sandstone; regularly coursed on its main, south-facing façade and random-coursed rubble stone on the remaining sides and foundation walls. With a medium, hipped roof, the single yellow brick chimneys are off-set at the ends and may have been in stone at the time of construction. There are four (4), evenly spaced, 12 on 12 double-hung windows on both levels and on either sides of the main entry with lugsills and slightly arched, simple voussoirs. Three (3) similar windows appear on the east and west facades.

The main, raised entrance is comprised of complex decorative elements including elaborate, fluted half-columns topped by Ionic capitals on both sides of a slightly inset, solid and decorated door and surround featuring a semi-circular, multi-paned transom above the door itself. This assembly is topped with an elaborately molded entablature above which is a centered Palladian window lighting the second floor.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

John Doran, an early settler from Wexford, Ireland, and local merchant/developer commissioned the building. In 1834, the Bathurst Courier announced the opening of the St. George's Hotel under the management of William Cross. By 1851 it had been taken over and re-named Patterson's Hotel by James Patterson. It shows as such on the Walling's map of Perth in 1863.

Changing ownership in 1874, it became a private residence and place of business for James Morrison, a local specialized decorator, gilder and glazier. With various owners over the years, it remained a private residence until the mid-1900's. A significant change took place in 1947 when the building was obtained by the Jewish Agudath Achim Congregation. This Jewish community used half of the building as its synagogue and rented out the other half as a residence. In 1980, due to insufficient numbers, the synagogue closed and the building was sold to Paul Byington, a local antiques dealer, who converted it to residential use. Byington restored a number of the heritage features and was instrumental in having the building designated as a heritage property during his ownership.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Although the rear façade has been stuccoed at some point, unfortunately, the large expanses of sandstone are the most significant feature of this structure. In addition, the following attributes are essential in preserving the heritage character:

- The style, materials and placement of the fenestration.
- The composition of the main entrance and all its elements in wood including the Palladian window.
- The architectural character of the roof and the placement and style of the chimneys.

Legal Description:

PT LT 4 N/S HARVEY ST PL 8828 LANARK S DRUMMOND PT 1, 27R3435;
TOWN OF PERTH (being all of PIN 05178-0038)

References:

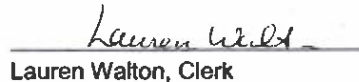
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2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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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