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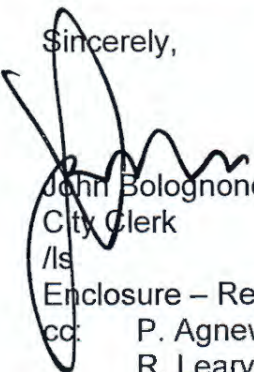
**Re: Heritage Designation – Beamish House at 2263 Princess Street**

Pursuant to section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, attached please find the following:

1. By-Law 2017-86 entitled "A By-Law to designate the Beamish House at 2263 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)", which was registered on title on June 19, 2017, as instrument number FC241909.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Leary, Senior Heritage Planner, Planning & Development Department at 613 546 4291, extension 3233, or at [rleary@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:rleary@cityofkingston.ca) during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

  
John Bolognone  
City Clerk  
/s/

Enclosure – Registered By-Law

cc: P. Agnew, Director, Planning & Development  
R. Leary, Senior Heritage Planner  
M. Kimm, Planner  
Ontario Heritage Trust

**Properties**

PIN 36085 - 0876 LT  
Description PT LT 1 S OF RD, 2 S OF RD, 2B PL 60 AS IN FR282544 & PT 1 TO 3 13R17819;  
KINGSTON  
Address 2263 PRINCESS STREET  
KINGSTON

**Applicant(s)**

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

Name THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON  
Address for Service 216 Ontario Street, Kingston, ON K7L 2Z3

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation Bryan Paterson, Mayor and John Bolognone, City Clerk.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

**Statements**

This application is based on the Municipality By-law See Schedules.

**Signed By**

Katie A. Donohue	216 Ontario Street Kingston K7L 2Z3	acting for Applicant(s)	Signed	2017 06 19
Tel 613-546-4291				
Fax 613-546-6156				

I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s).

**Submitted By**

CITY OF KINGSTON	216 Ontario Street Kingston K7L 2Z3	2017 06 19
Tel 613-546-4291		
Fax 613-546-6156		

**Fees/Taxes/Payment**

Statutory Registration Fee	\$63.35
Total Paid	\$63.35

**File Number**

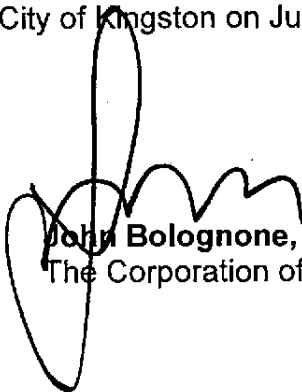
Applicant Client File Number : LEG-C01-002-2017



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I, **John Bolognone**, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of **By-Law Number 2017-86 "A By-Law to Designate the Beamish House at 2263 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)**, which was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kingston on June 6, 2017.

**Dated at Kingston, Ontario**  
this 8th day of June, 2017

  
**John Bolognone, City Clerk**  
The Corporation of the City of Kingston

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**By-Law Number 2017-86**

**A By-Law to Designate the Beamish House at 2263 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)**

**Passed: June 6, 2017**

**Whereas** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**Whereas** Council has consulted with its Heritage Kingston Committee and has approved the designation of the property located at 2263 Princess Street, also known as the Beamish House (Part Lot 1 South of Road, 2 South of Road, 2B Plan 60 as in FR282544 and Parts 1 to 3 on Reference Plan 13R-17819, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac) on April 5, 2017; and

**Whereas** a notice of intention to designate the property was published in The Kingston Whig-Standard, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, on April 25, 2017; and

**Whereas** no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Kingston;

**Therefore Be It Resolved that** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

1. To designate as being of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in the City of Kingston: 2263 Princess Street, also known as the Beamish House, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law;
2. A copy of the designating by-law shall be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in The Kingston Whig-Standard;
3. For the purpose of interpretation, the term 'Maintenance' will include the following definition (or as otherwise defined in the City's Procedural By-law for Heritage):  
"Maintenance means routine, cyclical, non-destructive actions, necessary to slow the deterioration of a Protected Heritage Properties, including the following:  
periodical inspection; property cleanup; gardening and repair of landscape features;

replacement of glass in broken windows; minor exterior repairs, including replacement of individual asphalt shingles where there is little or no change in colour or design; repainting where there is little or no change in colour; re-pointing areas of wall space under 1.5 square metres; caulking and weatherproofing."

4. The City reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel; and
5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

Given First and Second Readings April 18, 2017

Given Third Reading and Passed June 6, 2017

  
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John Bolognone  
City Clerk

  
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Bryan Paterson  
Mayor



**Schedule "A"**

**Description and Reasons for Designation**

**Beamish House**

Civic Address: 2263 Princess Street

Legal Description: Part Lot 1 South of Road, 2 South of Road, 2B Plan 60 as in FR282544 and Parts 1 to 3 on Reference Plan 13R-17819, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac

Property Roll Number: 1011080180081000000

**Introduction and Description of Property**

The William and Mary Beamish House, located at 2263 Princess Street, is situated on the south side of the road, in the Village of Cataraqui in the former Township of Kingston, now part of the City of Kingston. The property contains a two storey limestone house, with attached carriage house and a stone barn built in 1850 by Kingston architect, William Coverdale, for the well-known doctor and political figure, William Beamish.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value/Statement of Significance**

*Physical/Design Value*

2263 Princess Street includes a complex of stone buildings that demonstrate a traditional rural and village setting. The hierarchy of the main house, as a fitting residence for a doctor and his family, is apparent with the stone barn tucked out of sight behind, although visible when looking at the complex from the east. The importance of this structure needs to be emphasized, particularly given its stone construction, as one of the few remaining barns in the City. The main house is connected by a recessed stone passageway to a carriage house positioned discretely back from the front of the main house and at right angles to it. The handsome gable end complements the main house with an oculus and triple arched windows. The relationship between the carriage house, passageway and main house is now difficult to grasp because of a modern privacy wood fence, trees, exterior stairs and wood-covered additions.

The very existence of a carriage house today is also quite rare and of distinct heritage value. On the east, the original pair of large doors, through which carriages were once drawn, has been replaced by a modern window. A back stone, 1½-storey wing attached to the main house is more commonly found but an important part of the function of the house as its service wing for a kitchen and servants quarters.

The stones are well worked with finely tooled faces on the main facade merging via quoins into the secondary walls with their even coursed, but rougher textured, stonework. The "returns" of the eaves are carved in stone. The original wooden porch was removed in 1975 but was a fine example of classical elements enhancing the overall classical style of the house. The one-storey stone passageway from the main house to the carriage house with a centered and arched opening is now obscured.

*Historical/Associative Value*

2263 Princess Street is associated with William Beamish, who purchased the property in 1833. By this time, it was described as village lot 3; however because Beamish bought and sold a number of village and township lots, it is difficult to be certain which was the village property on which 2263 Princess would be built. But by 1852 his name appears on the relevant location.

William Moore Beamish (1808-1869) was born in Ireland. He became a surgeon and, when in Canada, married Ann Detlor, a daughter of Micajah Purdy (well-known local landowner), in January 1832. She died five years later at the age of 28. Ann's sister Mary (1811-1873) was William's second wife, and they had a daughter, Ann. Beamish was a prominent business man and practicing physician in Waterloo Village (Cataraqui) where he lived and died. He took an interest in regional politics and was a Councilor in Kingston Township in 1841 and 1844 -- a period of significance while Kingston was the capital of the United Province of Canada East and Canada West. In 1847, while again a Councilor, he was accused of misusing funds but was acquitted of the charge.

After Beamish's death, the house was sold to Joseph Langford Haycock (1850-1937). Haycock married Marthene "Martha" Grange (1849-1932) in 1877 and they had four children: George, Joseph, Alexander and Margaret. They settled in Frontenac County where Joseph was an auctioneer, an inventor with patents, a gardener and farmer as well as an important political figure. He represented Frontenac in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1894 to 1898.

The Beamish House is also associated with Christ Church (974 Sydenham Road) who acquired the property in 1907 for a rectory and held church meetings in the carriage house. It is reported that 60 persons could be seated in the carriage house. In 1958, the rectory was sold to Margaret Webb, an antiques dealer. In 1975, Janice and Ernest (Al) Cromarty, architect, bought the property and converted the main house and carriage house for a residence and offices.

The Beamish House also has direct association with well-known local architect, William Coverdale (1801-1865). The house was designed and built for William and Mary Beamish in 1850 by architect William Coverdale. According to his account books, an entry for 4 June 1850 reads "Doctor Beamish Plans and Specifications for Portico, Stairs, Sheds, & 8.0.0". Another entry states that the architect visited Doctor Beamish on 1 August 1853 to examine the premises for a cistern etc. The Beamish House is a good example of the residential work of architect William Coverdale, who was the penitentiary architect from the early 1830s to 1846 and then the City architect until his death. The style is a handsome rendition of classicism in well-rendered stone. The carriage house features an oculus over a triple arched window, devices that were favoured by Coverdale.

*Contextual Value*

The Beamish House is situated in the centre of what was the historic community of Cataraqui. As an early stone building it is tied to the development of the community. During the period when it was the residence of Mary and William Beamish, a surgeon, it was likely the most lavish residence in the Village and admired by persons walking or



riding horseback along the York Road. It was surrounded by village enterprises such as grocery shops, hotels, taverns and blacksmith shops. It was likely a landmark then and is still one today. It is important to maintaining the historical integrity of the streetscape and history of Cataraqui Village.

#### **Cultural Heritage Attributes**

- Two storey height and massing;
- Constructed from well-dressed and rough limestone laid in uniform courses, with decorative quoins;
- Side gable roof, with two stone chimneys in each gable end, and stone eave returns;
- Three-bay symmetrical façade;
- Window openings with stone sills, voussoirs and key stones;
- Central entranceway with transom;
- Two-storey limestone carriage house, with oculus over triple narrow windows with round arched tops, and original openings;
- One-storey recessed limestone passageway with a centered arched opening, which connects the carriage house to the main house;
- Rear one-and-a-half-storey stone wings;
- Two-storey limestone barn, with gabled roof and original openings; and
- Location close to the road within the historic community of Cataraqui.