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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

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March 8, 1979

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

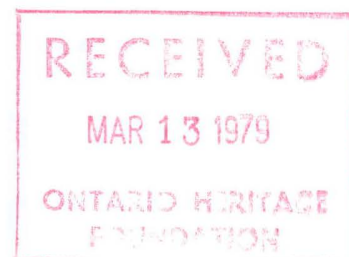
Pursuant to Section 29(6)(a)(ii) of the Act to provide for the Conservation, Protection and Preservation of the Heritage of Ontario, I am pleased to enclose a certified copy of By-Law No. 79-8 passed by Council of the Town of Simcoe for the designation of the property known municipally as 94 Norfolk Street North (Sovereign-Murdoch property).

Yours truly,



F.L. Grigg, A.M.C.T.  
Clerk

Encl.



BY-LAW NO. 79 - 8

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN  
MUNICIPALLY AS 94 NORFOLK STREET NORTH, SIMCOE,  
ONTARIO, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL VALUE.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Sovereign-Murdoch property, 94 Norfolk Street North, Simcoe, Ontario, and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Simcoe Reformer, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule B hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value the real property known as the Sovereign-Murdoch property, 94 Norfolk Street North, Simcoe, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the proper land registry office.

- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

First Reading: March 5, 1979

Second Reading: March 5, 1979

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A. W. Judd

Mayor

Third Reading: March 5, 1979

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F. L. Grigg

Clerk

Certified a true copy

  
F. L. Grigg  
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO. 79 - 8

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Simcoe, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and Province of Ontario, formerly in the Town of Simcoe, in the County of Norfolk and being composed of Parts of Lots 11, 20 and 21 in Block Number 66, in the said Town according to a map or plan of the said Town registered in the Norfolk Registry Office as Plan Number 182 and more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the Westerly limit of Norfolk Street is North 15 degrees 40 minutes West (N 15° 40' W) according to Plan 182 and relating all bearings herein thereto.

COMMENCING on the westerly side of Norfolk Street at a point Eleven and twenty-two one-hundredths feet (11.22') north of the south-easterly corner of said Lot Number 20;

THENCE North fifteen degrees forty minutes West (N 15° 40' W) ninety-two and fifty one-hundredths feet (92.50') more or less to a point;

THENCE south seventy-four degrees twenty minutes west one hundred and twenty-four and eight one-hundredths feet (124.08') to the westerly limit of said Lot 21;

THENCE south fifteen degrees forty minutes east thirty-nine and ten one-hundredths feet (39.10') more or less to the southwesterly corner of said Lot Number 21;

THENCE south seventy-four degrees twenty minutes west six and ninety-three one hundredths feet (6.93') more or less to a part of said Lot Number 11 conveyed by one Henry Groff to one H.P. Fitch;

THENCE south fifteen degrees forty minutes east fifty-two and forty-seven one hundredths feet (52.47');



THENCE North seventy-four degrees twenty minutes east and one hundred and thirty-one and one one-hundredths feet (131.01') more or less to the place of beginning.

The above lands being those described in instrument 165188 less those described in instrument 192530.

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NO. 79 - 8

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

This large house known as the Sovereign-Murdoch property was built in 1880 by S.M. Sovereign, a prominent Simcoe merchant, and has been continuously occupied by three generations of the Sovereign-Murdoch family.

The building embodies characteristics of high Victorian architectural design and features many elements of architectural significance and exceptional quality, more particularly, all exterior elevations including the tower, roofs, cresting, chimneys, verandahs, bay windows, entrance steps, doors, windows and transoms, and all interior elements pertaining to the entrance vestibule front hall, staircase and main upper hall, north parlours and diningroom including panelled dados, interior shutters, doors and window trim, etched glass transoms and interior vestibule glass door panels, fireplace mantels, newel and ballusters, stair wall niche, bell pulls and bell board located in the original kitchen. It is worthy of protection under the Ontario Heritage Act.