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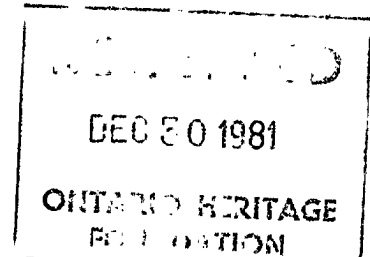
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

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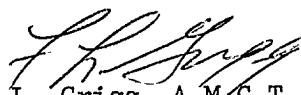
Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to Section 29(6)(a)(ii) of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am pleased to enclose a certified copy of By-Law 81-39, passed by Council of the Town of Simcoe, December 21, 1981, for designation of the former Norfolk County Jail building on Governor Simcoe Square.

Yours very truly,


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

Encl.

BY-LAW NO. 81 - 39

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

A BY-LAW to amend By-Law No. 75-44 of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe being a by-law to designate the Court House Square (now Governor Simcoe Square) including the former Court House, Crown Attorney and Registry Office buildings thereon as property of historic and architectural value.

WHEREAS by By-Law No. 75-44 the Council of the Town of Simcoe designated the Court House Square and the former Court House, Registry Office and Crown Attorney buildings pursuant to the provisions of the Act to provide for the Conservation, Protection and Preservation of the Heritage of Ontario.

AND WHEREAS the former Norfolk County Gaol building located on the said property was not specifically designated by By-Law No. 75-44,

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of Simcoe on October 5, 1981 concurred in the recommendation of the Simcoe Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee that the Norfolk County Gaol building on Governor Simcoe Square be designated under The Ontario Heritage Act as a property of local and regional architectural and historic importance.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe has caused to be served upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to include in the designation of the former Court House Square the former Norfolk County Gaol building 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 "A" to this By-Law,

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality,

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

1. By-Law No. 75-44 of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe is hereby amended by adding in Clause 1, after the words "Crown Attorney" the words "and Gaol" so that Clause 1 will now read as follows:

- (1) The property known as the Court House Square and being all of Block 94, Reg. Plan 182, Town of Simcoe and on which are situate the former Court House, Registry Office, Crown Attorney and Gaol buildings of the former County of Norfolk is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value for the purpose of the Act to provide for the Conservation, Protection and Preservation of the Heritage of Ontario.
- (2) A copy of this by-law together with reasons for the designation shall be registered against the property affected in the Registry Office of the Registry Division of Norfolk (No. 37).
- (3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served 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: December 21, 1981

J.D. EARL

Mayor

Second Reading: December 21, 1981

Third Reading: December 21, 1981

C.R. CAMPBELL

Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, C.R. Campbell, Clerk of the Town of Simcoe, do hereby certify that this and the attached Schedule "A" is a true and complete copy of By-Law No. 81-39 which was given three readings and passed on the 21st day of December, 1981.

December 22, 1981

C.R. Campbell

C.R. Campbell, Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

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The importance of the Gaol as an integral part of the grouping of buildings on Governor Simcoe Square is well illustrated by the following reference:

"Architecturally, the Court House, Jail and Registry Office constitute an almost unrivalled grouping of public buildings in Ontario. Among Ontario court houses it was unusual to give the jail the prominence displayed at Simcoe; normally, the jail was hidden from view (e.g. Perth, Picton), and the court house was centrally located (e.g. Guelph, Whitby). Nor does any other Ontario complex display the same measured sequence of buildings as found in Simcoe, progressing through the small registry offices to the jail and dominating court house."

The former Norfolk County Gaol is an example of the English Italinate style of architecture often used in Upper Canada after 1830. Built of red (Norfolk County) brick, few buildings erected as early as 1848 still exist in Simcoe today. This is a well-proportioned and pleasing one, designed by a prominent English architect, William Thomas, who also designed the Don Jail and the St. Lawrence Hall in Toronto.

The particular features of the Gaol building for designation are the Colborne Street facade, together with the original roof lantern and brick Gaol walls.

The building is deemed worthy of protection under The Ontario Heritage Act.