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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

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September 9, 1981

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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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. 81-26 passed by Council of the Town of Simcoe for designation of the property known municipally as 45 Peel Street - the Post Office/Ventin Building.

Yours truly,


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

Encl.

BY-LAW NO. 81 - 26

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN
MUNICIPALLY AS 45 PEEL STREET, SIMCOE,
ONTARIO, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

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 Post Office/Ventin Building, 45 Peel Street, 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 Town of Simcoe enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Post Office/Ventin Building, 45 Peel Street, 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: September 8, 1981	<u>J. D. Earl</u> Mayor
Second Reading: September 8, 1981	
Third Reading: September 8, 1981	<u>C. R. Campbell</u> Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, C. Richard Campbell, Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Simcoe, do hereby certify that this and the attached Schedules "A" and "B" is a true and complete copy of By-Law No. 81-26 which was given three readings and passed on the 8th day of September, 1981.

C. R. Campbell
Clerk Town of Simcoe

September 9, 1981

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO. 81 - 26

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

THOSE lands and premises located in the following municipality, namely, 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 Lots "P" and "Q" in Block 95 and Part of Lot "O" in Block 95, Registered Plan 182, and being more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the easterly limit of Block 95 is North 15 degrees 40 minutes West according to Registered Plan 182.

COMMENCING at an iron bar planted at the southwesterly corner of said Lot "Q";

THENCE North 15 degrees 40 minutes West 108.93 feet;

THENCE North 74 degrees 23 minutes 50 seconds East 80.52 feet;

THENCE South 15 degrees 40 minutes East 115 feet to a cut cross;

THENCE South 78 degrees 42 minutes 30 Seconds West 80.76 feet to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NO. 81 - 26

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

The Post Office-Ventin Building is unique in the Town of Simcoe illustrating a trend in the architecture for institutional buildings in the early 1900's, and features numerous elements of architectural significance specifically all exterior elevations, including doorways, windows and roof-line.

It is a monumental structure of solid and stable construction. Situated at the north-west corner of Peel and Kent Streets, it is an anchor point and an important unifying force on Peel Street. The Post Office-Ventin Building also illustrates how a building can be adapted to accommodate a new use without detracting from its exterior appearance or its architectural significance.

Historically this building is also unique in the Town of Simcoe. It was originally designed as the Post Office and Customs Offices, and was first opened to the public in January 1910. The interior was later altered to accommodate Simcoe's Town Hall offices and then was used temporarily by the Bank of Montreal.

It is presently being remodelled for use by the firm of Carlos Ventin, Architects, and for other office space.

For these reasons the Post Office-Ventin Building warrants designation as a property of architectural and historical importance in the Town of Simcoe, and protection under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.