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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice of Passing of By-Law - Town of North Perth Re: (formerly Town of Listowel), County of Perth

Enclosed please find a copy of the By-Law to Designate Property as required by the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

We will proceed with registration of the By-Law on Title.

I trust this meets with your approval.

Yours truly

Gordon M. Burns

Clerk

GMB/jlv

Encl.

THE CORPORATION FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 81-AD-1998

A By-law to designate the property known municipally as 260 Main Street West, Listowel Ward, in the Town of North Perth being of architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of the Town of North 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 North Perth has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as The Carnegie Library at 260 Main Street West, Listowel Ward, in the Town of North Perth 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 same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

THEREFORE the Council of the Town of North Perth enacts as follows:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the building known as The Carnegie Library at 260 Main Street West, Listowel Ward in the Town of North Perth more particularly described in the reasons 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 Perth County 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.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 15th day June, 1998.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 15+h day of June, 1998.

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CLERK

SCHEDULE A TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PERTH BY-LAW NO. 81-AD-1998

Location: Plan 148, Pt. Lot 15, 51, 260 Main Street West Listowel Ward, Town of North Perth

The Andrew Carnegie Library located in the Town of North Perth (formerly Town of Listowel). The building is important because there are so few public buildings in the town really worth talking about. This modest building uses a concrete block made to appear like rusticated stone. It's a very good example of this genre.

The proportions of the building are excellent, the building being lifted well out of the ground plane to afford natural light to the lower level. The large double hung windows are well scaled in the elevations and they too are well proportioned. The grand staircase leading to the main entrance punctuates this taught mass with great force. The architect was considerably influenced by Richardson and Sullivan although he did not have the same ample budget these masters did. But he did manage to articulate the front façade with a lovely curved turret wall giving a robustness to this essentially simple building. This of course works well with the arch at the front entrance, a lovely contrapuntal effect is achieved by the recess of the entryway and the swelling of the stairwell turret. Even the appendage on the southeast corner, now housing the furnaces but previously the public washrooms, is well integrated into the whole.

The roof lines are classic American style in pitch and configuration no contrived lines, just the straight goods. Now clad in asphalt shingles it is hoped to bring back the original slate in the reconstruction program.

The interior volumes are very pleasing indeed. Each room is easily read and totally understood structurally and spatially. This is a sign of a good building when the layman can readily understand what hold up the roof and where they are in the building., The Listowel Library is a little gem.