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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE MOORE-CHAMBERS HOUSE, LOT 720, PLAN 955, FORMER VILLAGE OF NORWICH, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAWS

TO: ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
77 BLOOR STREET WEST,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO.  
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich has passed By-Law No. 68-90 to designate the following property as being of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337:

A. LOCATION: THE MOORE-CHAMBERS HOUSE, Lot 720, Plan 955, former Village of Norwich

REASON FOR DESIGNATION:

This building of historical and architectural significance was built in a gracious gothic style with exceptional detail in the design of the brickwork. The bargeboard, widow's walk and brackets nicely complete the appearance.

This storey and a half castle-like yellow brick house, built by Gilbert Moore between 1876 and 1880 from plans thought to have been obtained in England, was known as "Avonmore".

Gilbert Moore contributed much to the development of Norwich - he erected the Moore block on Main Street, the only three-storey block remaining in Norwich. Gilbert Moore was the first reeve of the Village of Norwich in 1876, president of the Agricultural Society, postmaster, president of the Port Dover-Lake Huron Railroad Company, and world traveller.

The Brickwork of the main facade is unusual in that it is laid in Flemish bond with the bricks placed alternately lengthwise and crosswise in every row.

Herringbone brickwork is used in Gothic arches over the windows which are completed with pointed stone keystones. To the right of the main door the windows are set into a projection. The other three facades are done in common bond brickwork and lack the front's special window treatment.

The open porch with its Baronial castle top features cement caps and horizontals with rounded arches. This was added several years after the house was built, probably by Henry Moore - Gilbert's son.

A widow's walk of turned spindles at one time crowned the truncated slate hip roof. The gables are decorated with fret-work bargeboards. Pairs of turned brackets adorn the bay of the east facade.

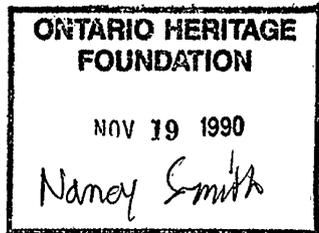
The left front bedroom window is not the original window.

The interior of the house is elegantly trimmed with massive baseboards, fine woodwork, window panels, graciously turned newel posts, and a feathered plaster medallion decorating the hall ceiling. A coloured glass window at the turn of the stairway is noteworthy.

DATED AT OTTERVILLE THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 1990.

*Robert C. Watkins*  
ROBERT C. WATKINS  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

BY-LAW NO. 68-90

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE  
PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS  
THE MOORE-CHAMBERS HOUSE,  
LOT 720, PLAN 955, IN THE  
FORMER VILLAGE OF NORWICH,  
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL  
AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS, SECTION 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, 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 Township of Norwich has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as THE MOORE-CHAMBERS HOUSE, Lot 720, Plan 955, former Village of Norwich, 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 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 Township of Norwich enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as THE MOORE-CHAMBERS HOUSE, Lot 720, Plan 955, former Village of Norwich, more particularly described in SCHEDULE A, hereto attached.
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.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 13th

DAY OF November, 1990.

I certify this to be a true copy

Signed

Robert C. Watkins

Title

Clerk

Dated

November 16, 1990

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

John M. Heleniak  
MAYOR - JOHN M. HELENIAK

Robert C. Watkins  
CLERK - ROBERT C. WATKINS