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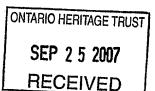


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September 19, 2007

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

To whom it may concern:

Re: New designation of property of architectural and heritage significance

Please be advised that Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has designated a property at 191 Widder Street East, St. Marys, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please find attached a copy of the designating bylaw as well as the statements of designation.

Yours truly,

Bruce Grant CAO/Clerk

Encl.

BYLAW 56 OF 2007 Corporation of the Town of St. Marys

Being a bylaw to designate the properties known municipally as 191 Widder Street East as being of architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 [4] of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid real property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to so designate this property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in local newspapers having general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known as 191 Widder Street East, more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto.
- 2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule A attached hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3. The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this bylaw to be published in local newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

Read a first and second time this 11th day of September 2007.

Read a third and final time and passed this 11th day of September 2007.

Jamie Hahn, Mayor

Bruce Grant, CAO/Clerk -



Schedule A Bylaw 56 of 2007

STATEMENTS TO IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE A PROPERTY FOR DESIGNATION 191 Widder Street East

September 2007



David Maxwell Jr. house, 191 Widder Street, ca. mid-1920s

Originally constructed for David Maxwell Jr., 1900 Current owner requesting designation: Deborah Wunder

Designation Statements

Description of Property

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The David Maxwell Jr. house, 191 Widder Street East, (West half of Lots 10,11 and 12, West side Peel Street North) is a two and a half storey red brick residence; it is one of four structures in the same block on the north side of Widder Street, all built around 1900 and together forming one of the finest streetscapes in St. Marys.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Built in 1900 this house is a classic example of the Queen Anne style of vernacular architecture. It bears close stylistic resemblances to four other examples in St. Marys: the adjoining David Maxwell Sr. house (197 Widder St. East, built in 1895,) the R. S. Box house (163 Church St. South, built 1899-1900,) the W. H. May house (199 Tracy St., built 1903) and the H. L. Rice house (162 Church St. S., built 1904.

It is probable that this house was designed by the London architectural firm Moore and Henry who drew up the plans for the David Maxwell Sr. house next door at 197 Widder Street East. The cost of construction was \$5,000. Master mason John Elliott executed the stone and brick work and Jacob Near the woodwork.

In 1900 the David Maxwell and Sons, a farm implement and manufacturing company, was the most prominent business in St. Marys; its products were sold across Canada and exported to the United States, Britain and even Australia.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Exterior attributes which distinguish the house include the Milton red pressed brick with St. Marys limestone in the foundation and the sills and lintels of the windows, the spacious two-storey verandah with bandshell corner, the slate roof with the decorated ridgepoles and the crowsfoot gable at the attic level.

The interior has remarkable, perfectly preserved oak woodwork – in the doors, door surrounds and transoms, in the fireplaces, in the wainscoting and in the stairwell with the magnificent sculptural carved staircase. Many other original features remain: three fireplaces, stained glass windows, pocket doors – even an original section of the butler's pantry cupboard.

Background Documentation (On file in the St. Marys Museum)

"David Maxwell Jr./Deborah Wunder House – 191 Widder Street East; Preliminary report on the history of the property," October 2006

"David Maxwell Jr. House, 191 Widder Street east - Architectural importance," February 2007

Photograph of David Maxwell Jr. house, showing family members posed on the steps to the verandah, ca. 1920. (See also cover of this report.)

Interior Views (15) taken by Bridget Elliott of Heritage St. Marys, December 2, 2006