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TOWN OF ST. MARYS

"THE STONE TOWN"

September 28, 1978

Mr. A. B. R. Lawrence
Chairman
Ontario Heritage Foundation
7th Floor
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Re: Designation of Queen Street Bridge
and Mill Race, St. Marys

Enclosed please find a copy of By-law 31 of 1978,
designating the St. Marys Queen Street Bridge and Mill
Race under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

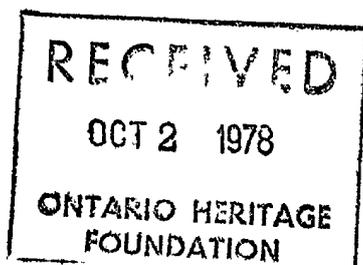
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. G. Storey", written over a horizontal line.

K. G. Storey
Clerk-Treasurer

KGS/cp

Encl.



BYLAW NUMBER 31 OF 1978

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

BEING a Bylaw to designate the property known municipally as the Queen Street Bridge crossing the Thames River and the Mill Race from Trout Creek on the north, under the small arch of the Bridge to the point where the water re-enters the Thames River south of the Bridge.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws 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 St. Marys has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Queen Street Bridge crossing the Thames River and the Mill Race from Trout Creek on the north, under the small arch of the Bridge to the point where the water re-enters the Thames River south of the bridge, 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 Town of St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

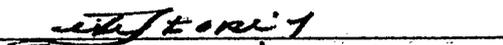
- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known as the Queen Street Bridge crossing the Thames River and the Mill Race from Trout Creek on the north, under the small arch of the Bridge to the point where the water re-enters the Thames River south of the Bridge, more particularly described in Schedule A 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 hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw 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 bylaw to be published in the same newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a first time this 26th day of September, 1978.

READ a second time this 26th day of September, 1978.

READ a third time and FINALLY PASSED this 26th day of September, 1978.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE A

The Bridge: This pre-Confederation (1865) stone four ached structure over the Thames River is and has been the most important of the several bridges in the Town. Several log and timber bridges occupied the site until Town Council in August of 1864 authorized the signing of a contract with Alex McDonald "for the construction of a stone arched bridge across the Thames, on Queen Street, according to the plan submitted by Mr. Niven, P.L.S. - cost \$4450 - completion date Sept. 1, 1865".

The Mill Race: The Mill Race has, since 1864, been an integral part of the Victoria Bridge. During construction of the bridge, a special small arch was built on the eastern end of the bridge to lead the mill race under Queen Street and into the mill property located directly south of the bridge. While the mill race has been altered over the years, it is important that what is left of it should be retained as a reminder to the citizens of St. Marys that it was the construction of Thomas Ingersoll's mill in 1841 that led to the settlement of the townsite. While it is true that the Ingersoll mill was located beside Trout Creek some distance from Queen Street, by the time the bridge was built in 1864-65, more permanent mills had been erected on the south side of Queen Street and the water of the Thames River was diverted through the specially designed arch to the mills located on the south side of the street.