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To whom it may concern:

RE: By-law 45 of 2013 to designate a property of architectural and heritage significance.

Please be advised that on November 26, 2013, St. Marys Town Council passed By-Law 45 of 2013 to designate the property at 137 Water Street North, St. Marys, under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please find attached a copy of the designation bylaw for your records.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trisha McKibbin".

Trisha McKibbin
Manager of Cultural Services
Town of St. Marys

BY-LAW NUMBER 45 OF 2013

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AT 137 WATER STREET, NORTH, TOWN OF ST. MARYS TO BE OF ARCHITECTURAL, ASSOCIATIVE AND HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST.

AUTHORITY: Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, Section 29 (4).

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, associative and historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served on the owner of 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 a local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

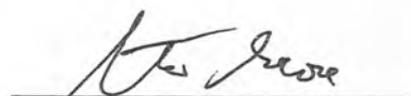
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk of the municipality;

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

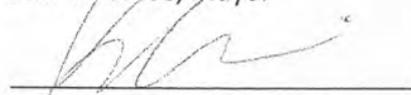
1. There is designated as being of architectural, associative and historic value and interest in the real property known as 137 Water Street North, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property describe in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the proper land registry office;
3. The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk 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 a local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

Read a first and second time this 26th day of November 2013.

Read a third and final time and passed this 26th day of November 2013.



Steven Grose, Mayor



Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk

**BY-LAW NO. 45 OF 2013
SCHEDULE "A"**



**STATEMENTS TO IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE A PROPERTY FOR
DESIGNATION**

137 Water Street North, St. Marys, Ontario

Plan 225 PT Lot 11, PT Lot 12

E/S Water Street North with & subject to ROW



137 Water Street North, September 2013.

Photograph by Anyes Kadowaki Busby

**Prepared by Heritage St. Marys
for St. Marys Town Council
September 2013**

Identification of Property:

The house at 137 Water Street North (East Side Water Street North, Lot 12) is a two-storey white brick villa, built in 1889 for John Bartlett, a local businessman. Beautifully situated on a hillside in the north ward with principal windows facing west and south, it has a grand view down Water Street and across the Thames River valley. A veranda enclosing the main entrance and wrapping around the west and south sides and a large, two-storey, west-facing bay with an impressive gable are attractive and immediately noticeable features of the façade.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value:

This house is an excellent example of a number of St. Marys residences constructed for prosperous clients in the final years of the 19th century in a style perfected by local architect William Williams. Although the house bears many similarities to other structures with documented evidence that they were designed by Williams, there is no proof that he was directly responsible for this Water Street house. At the very least, its builder used many of Williams' features as a model. These include the gable with bargeboard, the double brackets descending to the chi-cross at bottom, and the double windows on both levels of the bay, the two halves separated by elongated brackets.

The property also has associative value in the community. The house was built in 1889 for John Bartlett, a prosperous local merchant who, as he neared retirement from his bakery/grocery business, invested in a block of property on Water Street North, including Lot 12. He lived only briefly at this address, using it primarily for rental income. Perhaps his best known tenant ca. 1900 was James Maxwell, one of the partners in D. Maxwell & Sons, major manufacturers of farm implements and many smaller household items.

In 1915, the property was purchased by Leonard and Beatrice Harstone. Leonard was an established lawyer and also town clerk. He died in 1932 but his son Robert, also a lawyer, lived there with his mother until her death in 1957. Robert, mayor of St. Marys in 1933-1934, died in 1974. Subsequent owners have maintained or restored many original features.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Character-defining elements that make this property worthy of designation include:

- Site of residence, placed effectively on a hill-top but within easy walking distance of the downtown core.
- Impressive presentation of exterior (William Williams' design) with elements that include:
 - Traditional rectangular floor plan with main entrance in centre of west façade onto Water Street; a two-storey servants' wing at the east or back.
 - Symmetry offset by a dominant two-storey bay on the west side, incorporated into the northwest rooms on both the first and second floors.
 - West-facing gable that crowns the bay with original ornate bargeboard.

- Large veranda that starts at the main entrance and wraps around the west and south sides of the house.
- Original veranda balustrade and decorative elements at veranda eaves.
- Curved balustrade on both sides of steps leading from sidewalk to veranda.
- Fascia and soffit with the original paired brackets with Greek chi design at base and continuous suspended dentilling.
- Cambered lintels made of brick; windows and main entrance door framed to fit.
- Double windows on both levels of the bay with elongated decorative bracket between the two window components – a feature indicating William Williams' design or influence.
- Some original shutters; original shutter hardware in place on windows.

Designated Features

This designation includes all original exterior features described above, part of the 19th century house.

Interior Features

Many original interior features also survive providing an excellent example of Victorian homes and their compartmentalized layout:

- The front of the house is separated from the kitchen and servants' quarters in a wing to the east, the hall separates main rooms on either side; the second-storey rooms are similarly divided.
- Four of five plaster ceiling medallions are original and the fifth in the parlour is an excellent reproduction; crown molding is also original.
- Staircase and hallway are original; the staircase and balustrade are beautifully presented.
- Woodwork on windows, doorways and baseboard was very probably prepared in 1889 at the planing mill at the bottom of the Water Street hill, just a block from this property.
- Decorative hardware on the doors and windows is also noteworthy; original hinges and bell-pull at front entrance; hand-grips for pocket doors between main north rooms.
- Inside front doors have exceptional etched glass panels – exact date of installation unclear, but either original or early in the Harstones' occupancy.
- Two fireplaces are not original but sympathetic to the original design.

These interior features are noteworthy and are listed in the site visit report but are not part of the designation of this property.

Background Documentation

On file in the archives of the St. Marys Museum:

- Complete history of the ownership of this property with information from sources that include: the land registry abstract, municipal assessment rolls, census documents and contemporary newspaper articles. This record expands on the historical and cultural significance to St. Marys of this property and of its owners.
- Notes relating to site visit by some members of Heritage St. Marys on May 11, 2013 and photographs documenting features of the house and property at that time.
- Reference books, drawings, floor plans and photographs showing houses designed and constructed in a similar style, including those identified as the work of William Williams.