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Corporation of the Town of St. Marys
Box 998, St. Marys ON N4X 1B6

October 1, 2010

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

To whom it may concern:

Re: Designation of property of architectural and heritage significance.

Please be advised that Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has published a notice of intent to designate the property at 55 St. George Street North, Part Lot M, Part Lot N, east side of St. George Street North, known as the Waterworks Buildings.

Please find enclosed a copy of the published Notice of Intent to Designate and the Statements of Designation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary A. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Mary A. Smith, Administrative Liaison for Heritage St. Marys



By-law Number 47 of 2010
of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys

*BEING a bylaw to designate a property at 55 St. George Street North,
locally known as the Waterworks Buildings.*

WHEREAS Section 29 [4] of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws 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, the owner of aforesaid real property, has caused to be served 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

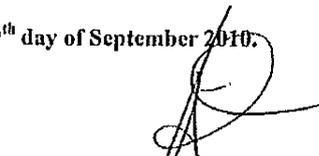
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys enacts as follows:

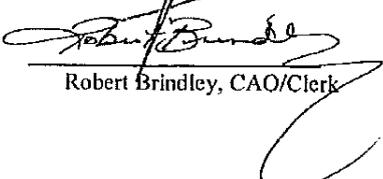
1. There is designated as being of architectural, associative and historic value and interest the real property known as 55 St. George Street North, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property 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 a local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

Read a first and second time this 9th day of September 2010.

Read a third and final time and passed this 9th day of September 2010.



Jamie Hahn, Mayor



Robert Brindley, CAO/Clerk



STATEMENTS TO IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE A PROPERTY FOR DESIGNATION

Waterworks Buildings

55 St. George Street North



Waterworks buildings, ca. 1910

Statements prepared by Heritage St. Marys, 2010

Waterworks Building: Statements of Designation

Summary of Reasons for Designation:

1. **Historic context:** The west portion of the Waterworks buildings on St. George Street North, built as a pumphouse for the first municipal wells, was constructed in 1899 as a component of a new municipal water supply system for the Town of St. Marys. The portion to the east was built in 1902 to serve as a power for electrical generating equipment that supplied street lighting and other public electrical needs until the availability of Ontario Hydro in 1911.
2. **Associative:** This building complex has served in some capacity as a public utilities building for the Town of St. Marys since 1899. Along with the historic stone water tower, it is a monument to the basic infrastructure requirements of a safe and adequate water supply for Ontario municipalities.
3. **Architectural:** Although the importance of this building as a functioning pumphouse was primary when it was constructed, care was taken to build an architecturally pleasing structure, made from local limestone. Experienced local stonemason Robert Clyde was the contractor for the pumphouse and for the stone portion of the water tower.

Identification of Property:

The waterworks buildings are located on 55 St. George Street North, legally described as Pt Block M Plan 225 ; Pt Block North Plan 225; Pt 33 Pt Reserve Plan 225 as in R108653 & STM18846 in St. Marys .

Statement of Cultural and Heritage Value and Interest

Historic Context:

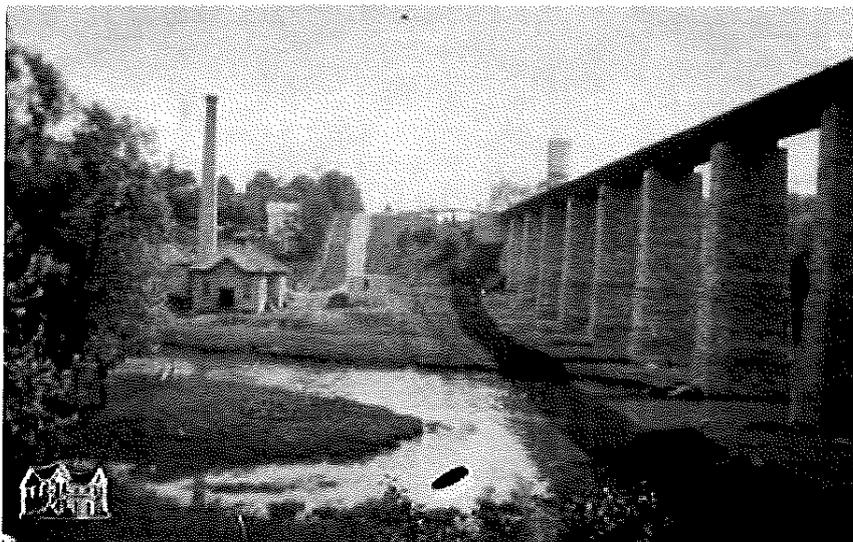
This building complex stands as a monument to a primary municipal responsibility: the provision of safe, reliable water to the community. In 1899, the Town of St. Marys hired Willis Chipman, a Toronto civil engineer, to design and install a waterworks system for the municipality. For a good supply of water, three artesian wells were drilled at the foot of St. George Street. The original building – the westerly section – held the pumping engine and steam boilers. From here, water was pumped up to the steel tank on the stone water tower at the top of the Queen Street hill. Work was completed in December 1900 at a total cost of \$39,500 with 23,943 feet of underground pipes and 53 hydrants providing water for public use and for fire protection. In 1901, the easterly section of the building was constructed as a power plant. St. Marys used steam to generate its own limited supply of electrical power until 1911 when the town began to purchase electricity from Ontario's Hydro Electric Power Commission. Then the east building was retrofitted for use as a reservoir for the waterworks system.

The original report of the engineer Willis Chipman to the Town of St. Marys survives, complete with contemporary photographs. Chipman's map of town streets, showing the course of the watermains and the location of the hydrants, has also been preserved by the water department of the Town of St. Marys.

At the left: the water pressure in the new municipal supply system is officially tested in 1899 to determine that it is sufficient to reach the roof of the Town Hall.

Associative Value:

Dr. Albert Berry (1894-1984) from Blanshard Township and a graduate of the St. Marys Collegiate, was recognized as a pioneer in safe drinking water in Ontario, in North America and in many countries in the third world. In 2005, the easterly portion of the waterworks complex was rebuilt to house water treatment equipment and stand-by power as part of upgrades to the municipal water supply system. When this retrofitted facility was dedicated, Senior Editor of the Environmental Science & Engineering Magazine Tom Davey was invited to speak in tribute to Dr. Berry. These buildings with their water quality upgrades are also a monument to this great Canadian.



Waterworks building, water tower and the London railway bridge from the north side of Trout Creek