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Gentlemen:

In accordance with The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, Part IV, Section 29(6)(a)(ii), please find enclosed a certified copy of By-law No. 81-27 of the Township of Uxbridge.

By-law 81-27 designates the property known municipally as the Uxbridge Public Library property, at 9 Toronto Street South, as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

I trust you will find the enclosed in order.

Yours truly,

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

W.E. Taylor, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk.

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Enclosure

BY-LAW NUMBER 81-27

OF

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS UXBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY AT 9 TORONTO STREET SOUTH, TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE, REGION OF DURHAM (FORMERLY IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, COUNTY OF ONTARIO), AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 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 Uxbridge has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Uxbridge Public Library property at 9 Toronto Street South, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham (formerly in the Town of Uxbridge, County of Ontario) 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;

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Uxbridge Public Library property at 9 Toronto Street South, Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham (formerly in the Town of Uxbridge, County of Ontario), more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, and the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
- 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.

THIS BY-LAW read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 28th day of May, 1981.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

JUN 15 1981

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE



W. E. Taylor
MAYOR

W. E. Taylor
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
(TO BY-LAW 81-27)

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Uxbridge, in the Regional Municipality of Durham formerly in the Town of Uxbridge, in the County of Ontario and being composed of Part of Pond Street and Toronto Street according to Municipal Plan Number 83 of the Former Town of Uxbridge more particularly described as follows:

Premising that the bearings herein are astronomic and are referred to the North 74 degrees 20 minutes East of the North limit of Pond Street as opened by By-law Number 1399.

Commencing at the most northerly angle of Lot 7, Block E.

THENCE South 4 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East along the east limit of Lot 7 a distance of 7.18 feet.

THENCE North 74 degrees 20 minutes East a distance of 27.54 feet.

THENCE North 7 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 147.56 feet.

THENCE South 74 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West along the South limit of Brock Street a distance of 24.48 feet.

THENCE South 2 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 124.40 feet.

THENCE South 11 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 51.26 feet.

THENCE South 78 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 15.06 feet to a point in the West limit of Lot 7.

THENCE Northerly along the said West limit of Lot 7 a distance of 37.98 feet to the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

SCHEDULE "B"
(TO BY-LAW 81-27)

Uxbridge Public Library property, 9 Toronto Street South
Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham, (formerly in the
Town of Uxbridge, County of Ontario).

Reasons for Proposed Designation of Uxbridge Public Library

The Uxbridge Public Library which stands on the S.E. corner of Toronto and Brock Streets was built as a Mechanics Institute in 1887 with money left for that purpose by Joseph Gould. It continued the services of the Mechanics Institute which had been operating out of the Temperance Hall since 1859. When the building was officially opened by the Hon. Ross, Minister of Education, in 1888, he said that "This building is the first donation of the kind in the province, and the Library itself is the best in the province for the size of the town". The Building became known as the Free Public Library in 1898. It has continued to provide Library service to the Town of Uxbridge until the present time, and since the formation of Durham Region in 1974, has served the Library needs of the whole of the Uxbridge Township as well.

The three-storey building is built on a steep slope with the basement opening at ground level on the east to Pond Street, and the second level opening to Toronto Street on the west. The building is of late Victorian style with Gothic proportions and detailing. A clock tower houses a Seth Thomas clock. Brickwork includes bands of red which contrast with the overall buff brickwork typical of the area and period of construction.

The basement has been largely renovated, but in such a way as to expose some of the original features. A section of the west wall has been left bare to show the pyramidal stone foundation which tapers from 4' at the base to 2' at the top of the foundation. Two original pine pillars and a beam frame this section. Also of note are a window on the east wall which has been left to show the original 18" deep window sill formed by the foundation wall, and the original fireplace framed in pine which is now situated on the north wall.

One other feature of note is the open wooden bannister on the curving stairway leading from the second to the third storey at the north end of the building.