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**RE: DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS OF
ARCHITECTURAL & HISTORICAL VALUE
TOWNSHIP FILES: 242G - FOSTER MEMORIAL
242H - 30 FRANKLIN STREET**

Please find enclosed a copy of By-law No. 92-126 to designate the Thomas Foster Memorial property and a copy of By-law No. 92-127 to designate the Janet Lee Weldon Property at 30 Franklin Street as properties of architectural and historical value or interest which were passed by the Council of the Township of Uxbridge at their regular meeting on November 23rd, 1992.

Yours very truly

Walter E. Taylor
Township Clerk

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Encls.

OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

[Signature] CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN
MUNICIPALLY AS THE THOMAS FOSTER MEMORIAL
PROPERTY AT PART OF LOT 7, CONCESSION 7, IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE, REGION OF DURHAM (FORMERLY
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT, COUNTY OF ONTARIO), AS
BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR
INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Part IV 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 owner of the lands and premises known as the Thomas Foster Memorial property, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham (formerly in the Township of Scott, 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 a 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;

AND 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 the Thomas Foster Memorial property, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham, (formerly in the Township of Scott, in the 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 23rd day November, 1992.



[Signature]

MAYOR

[Signature]

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 92-126

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 Township of Scott, in the County of Ontario) and being composed of Part of Lot 7, Concession 7.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW NO. 92-126

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION THOMAS FOSTER MEMORIAL

Historical Reasons:

This imposing mausoleum was built in 1935-36 by architects Craig and Madill (at the then considerable cost of \$250,000) as a memorial to the wife and daughter of the wealthy philanthropist and politician Thomas Foster. In succeeding decades this structure has assumed a landmark status in rural Ontario for both architectural and historical reasons. According to Allan McGillivray, Curator of the Uxbridge-Scott Museum, it is a one of a kind building in North America.

Thomas Foster, a rather eccentric philanthropist, was a self-made man. Beginning as an apprentice butcher at age 15, he became a real estate speculator and served in municipal politics in Toronto, later as a member of the Federal Government, finally as Mayor of Toronto in 1925, 26 and 27.

Architectural Reasons:

The building provides a striking and surprising view for the unsuspecting traveller, surrounded rather incongruously as it is by rolling farmlands.

Thomas Foster was influenced by a visit to the Taj Mahal in India (which was built as a burial place for an Emperor's favourite wife) and by Christian Byzantine Churches. He wanted a resting place for his wife and only child.

The resulting temple was built of Indiana limestone on an octagonal base, culminating in a great central dome sheathed in copper. Four piers capped with carved stone finials support the thrust of the interior arches. Entrance doors and window tracery are all of bronze. Twelve windows piercing the dome are of hand-painted, fired and leaded glass by artist Yvonne Williams. Marble mosaics in symbolic patterns cover the floors and domed ceiling. Italian marbles were used for the 16 interior columns with Devon stone capitals. The entire interior is one of opulent craftsmanship.