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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

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TEL.: (613) 925-2812

December 3, 1985

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor St. W.
TORONTO, Ontario
M7A 2R9

Dear Sir:

Re: DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES IN PRESCOTT

Pursuant to Section 29 (6) of the Ontario Heritage Act,
enclosed are certified copies of By-Laws 50-85 to 54-85 of the
Corporation of the Town of Prescott.

These By-Laws designate five properties as being of architectural
and historical value or interest.

Yours very truly,

Arie Hoogenboom, A.M.C.T.
Clerk Co-Ordinator

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BY-LAW NO. 51-85

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
160 DIBBLE STREET, PRESCOTT
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337 R.S.O. 1980 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 Town of Prescott has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist
160 Dibble Street West, Prescott

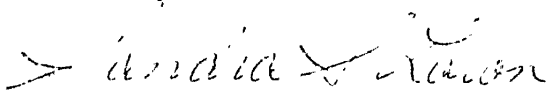
and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

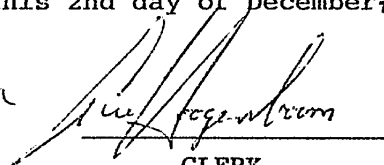
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of Architectural and Historical value or interest the real property known as The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist, 160 Dibble Street West, Prescott more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Appendix A to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the local Land Registry Office.
- 3) That 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 this By-Law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Prescott

Read a first and second time this 2nd day of December, 1985.

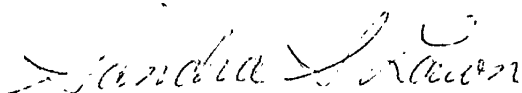


MAYOR

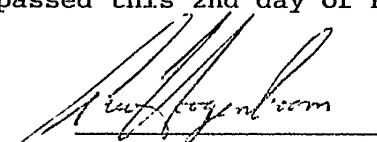


CLERK

Read a third time and finally passed this 2nd day of December, 1985.



MAYOR

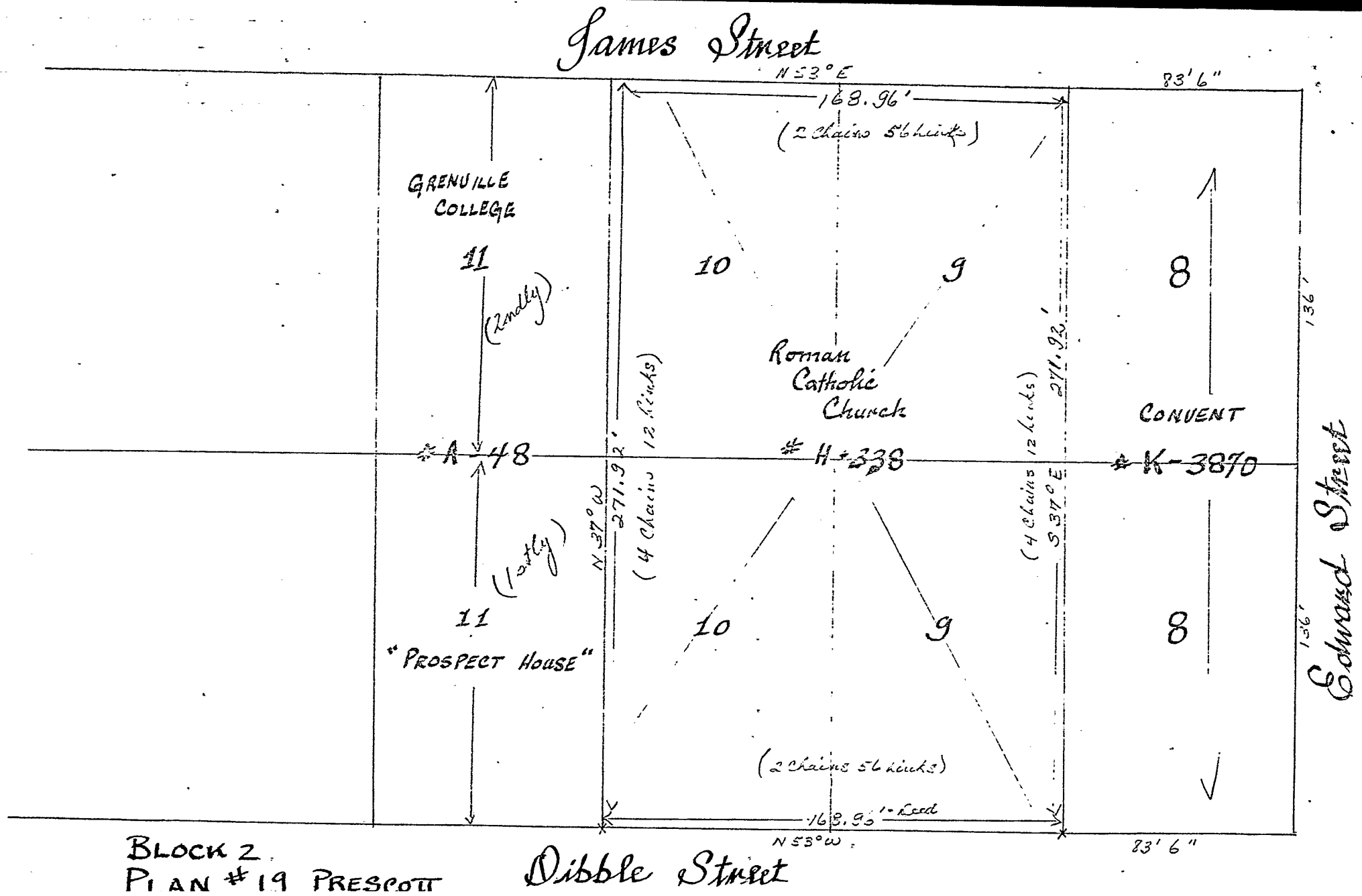


CLERK

I certify this to be
an exact and true copy
Clerk
Town of Prescott

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 51-85

LOTS 9 and 10, North Side Dibble Street, and LOTS 9 and 10, .
South Side James Street, BLOCK 2, TOWN OF PRESCOTT, PLAN #19
and being the same lands as previously described in Instrument
No. H-338.



APPENDIX A TO BY-LAW 51-85

Designation Report of LACAC of Prescott

Building - Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

Location - 160 Dibble St. West, Prescott.
Lots 9 and 10 on the north side of Dibble Street.

Date of Report - 1 October 1985. Prepared by: T. Craig

A. Reasons for Designation

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, for the following historical and architectural reasons:

1. This very imposing building is an excellent example of Gothic Architecture. This style was brought about by a group of English theologians who sought to revive architecture used during the Middle Ages. They believed Gothic was the only true Christian Architecture.^{1,}
2. This church, along with the Convent on one side and the Rectory on the other, make this part of Dibble Street a most attractive and historical area.

B. Historical Background

In 1805 The Reverend Alexander Macdonnell had raised a Catholic regiment in Scotland for service in Ireland. When the unit was disbanded Reverend Macdonnell and some hundreds of his men came to Canada to settle on land in what is now Glengarry County. From there the settlers gradually sought out new territory farther up the St. Lawrence River and eventually arrived in the Prescott area.³ In 1826 Alexander Macdonnell became the first Roman Catholic Bishop in Upper Canada, with headquarters in Kingston.⁴

In 1832 Bishop Macdonnell purchased the property on which the church now stands from the Jessup estate.⁵ A Catholic Church was built on this property soon after but little is known about this church. It probably was a wooden church. Some historians say it was destroyed by fire, others say it was located behind the location of the present church, possibly fronting on James Street, and was pulled down after the present church was built in 1888.

The present church was designed by Mr. Thomas Connolly, a well-known church architect in Toronto. His plans were completed in 1885, work commenced in 1886, the cornerstone was laid in 1887 and work was completed in 1888. The contract price was \$23,250.00 and this covered all stone, mortar and masonry, all wood and carpentry, all plain glazing and tinsmith work and two coats of plaster in the interior.²

Church of St. Mark the Evangelist - Continued

B. Historical Background - Continued

However this price did not cover the interior decoration. In 1906 Panzeroni Brothers, an Italian firm, were given this contract and, after weeks of careful painstaking work, the interior of the church was completed. Services were conducted in the church during the period 1838 and 1906.⁶

C. Architectural Description

The exterior of the church is a perfect example of Gothic architecture. The double oak doors have four panels each and are encased in a beautifully engraved granite frame. The main floor windows are narrow and of Gothic design. The upper windows, along the roof line, are round. There is a large round window over the main entrance which is most attractive. It has ten segments with granite dividers between. All windows are of stained glass set in granite and blend in exceptionally well with the overall design of the church which is stone and granite. The roof is constructed of sheet copper.

The interior of the church, which was completely redone in 1983 at a cost of \$247,000. is a masterpiece of workmanship and beauty. The three alters are made of hand carved oak. The ten pillars of polished red granite are most impressive because of their size and finish. They were donated by members of the church at the time the church was built in 1888. They cost \$61. each.

The beautiful stained glass windows are the outstanding feature of the building. The selection of the coloured glass and the situation they present make them most attractive. On the east and west sides of the church they catch the full light⁷ of the sun and spread its radiance throughout the whole interior.

This is a very beautiful church. It was built to hold six hundred people and is one of the most attractive buildings in the area. It is with the greatest of pleasure that the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends this church be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

1. Grenville County History - 1650-1913 P. 88
2. St. Marks Parish History - Miss Mabel Powell P.2
3. J.A. Morris - History of Prescott - 1810-1967 P.189
4. Grenville County History 1650-1913 P.88
5. Grenville County Registry.
6. St. Marks Parish History - Miss Mabel Powell P.4
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