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February 23, 1989.

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Designation of Municipal Properties
Town of Prescott

Pursuant to Section 29 (6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, enclosed is a Certified Copy of ByLaws No. 9-89 and 10-89 of the Town of Prescott.

ByLaw No. 9-89 designates the Old Registry Office, 290 Henry Street West and ByLaw No. 10-89 designates the Ark at 138 Park Street West.

Yours very truly,

Arie Hoogenboom, C.M.O.

Clerk Administrator

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BY-LAW NO. 9-89

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE OLD REGISTRY OFFICE, 290 HENRY STREET WEST AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritageact 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 OLD REGISTRY OFFICE 290 Henry 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 circulationin 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 Old REgistry Office, 290 Henry Street, West, Prescott, more particularly described as Part Lot 18, North Side of Henry Street West, Block 2, Plan 19, Town of Prescott, County of Grenville.
- 2) That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Schedule "A" to be registered against the property described above 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 peoperty and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-Law to be published in a news-paper having general circulation in the Town of Prescott.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1989

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READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1989

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CLERK

DESIGNATION REPORT OF PRESCOTT LACAC

BUILDING: The Old Registry Office.

LOCATION: 290 Henry Street West. North Side, lot 18, block 2.

DATE OF REPORT: December 19, 1988.

PREPARED BY: Shirley Hodgins, Mary McVicar, Jim Peets and Robert Stewart, student.

A. REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

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The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the exterior of the main building of the Old Registry Office (excluding the porch), as well as the decorative cornice moulding at the ceiling in the front or south room be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, for the following reasons:

- 1. The Old Registry Office is a well-preserved example of an original administrative building.
- 2. It is a fine example of Classical Vernacular Style.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The lot was originally the property of Edward Jessup. On December 3, 1858, the lot was sold to the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville by William Patrick. Patrick had acquired the property in the 1840's, and in 1856 it was valued at 13. When he sold it two years later, it was worth 178/15/-. We may therefore surmise that the building was constructed between 1856 and 1858. This date would also seem to be in line with the architectural style.

On December 4, 1875, the Municipal Council sold the property back to William Patrick for \$400.00.

It is of interest to note that when, on May 20, 1886, William Dunn sold the property, to Richard McCarthy, it was described as the "part known as Old Registry Office".

In an 1861-1862 map of Prescott, the building is referred to as the "Old Register's Office".

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This stone building is an interesting example of vernacular architecture. The walls are plastered, and there is some rock-faced stone on the front facade, used for decoration. This also highlights a large pediment, which tends to give the building a somewhat formal, classical look.

The front room has a false ceiling at about 9 foot height. Above this, near the front door, original plaster cornice moulding of ornamental outline is still intact. It likely continues into other portions of the room which are not as visible. The owners believe a medallion is evident in the centre of this original 13 foot high ceiling.

The small original stone building was enlarged, and later a two-story brick addition was built at the rear.

- 1. Grenville County Registry Office, list of owners of property at North Side of Henry Street, lot 18, block 2.
- Assessor's Rolls of the Town of Prescott, 1856, Municipal Building.

3, 4, and 5. Registry Office.

6. Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Leeds & Grenville, 1861-2, page 54.

I certify this to be

Clerk **Town of Prescott**