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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF  
THE LANDS AND PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN THE  
CITY OF PORT COLBORNE IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ONTARIO

ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne has passed by-law number 4885/110/06 to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

155 Main Street West  
Part of Lots 2 and 3, Plan 2, now Plan 762  
The Century House

REASONS FOR THE DESIGNATION

The history of the property and building known as the "Century House" at 155 Main Street West is closely associated with the earliest settlement of the Village of Humberstone. Located on a portion of the original 1802 Crown grant to John Neave (Neff) is where the family of Peter Neff first settled. The pioneer east-west trail that ran across his land is now Main Street. The settlement became known as "Peter's burg" after its founder but was also known as "Stonebridge" from the stones which provided a crossing for the stream. This would eventually become the Village of Humberstone, now part of the City of Port Colborne.

155 Main Street West has been in continuous use for commercial and residential purposes since its construction for Curtis Augustine and Frank Kilmer in 1902. The first commercial tenant in the building was William Traynor, who moved in his stove and tinware business shortly after its completion in May of 1902. From 1950 to c. 1978, this was the location of Bruno's Grocery owned by James Bruno. Over the years, the upper apartments were rented by tenants who worked in local industry and businesses such as Robin Hood Flour Mills, the Humberstone Hotel, and the Humberstone Shoe Company. In 1999, the property was purchased by Mary and R. David Reeves, who have transformed it into "Mary's Enchanted Garden".

155 Main Street West is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial building constructed in a vernacular version of the Classical Revival style popular in rural Ontario, and characterized by its flat façade with symmetrical window arrangement, gable end orientation, and recessed store entrance set between large shop windows. The building is L shaped, set on a stone foundation (now parged with concrete) and supported by large oak beams. It retains most of its original window surrounds, some original window glass, and original hardwood floors inside the two shop areas.

Dated at the City of Port Colborne this 6th day of September, 2006.

*Janet Beckett*  
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City Clerk

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**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE**

**BY-LAW NO. 4885/110/06**

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS  
155 MAIN STREET WEST, IN THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE,  
AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be cultural heritage value or interest; and

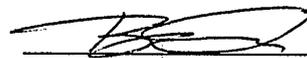
**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at 155 Main Street West and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

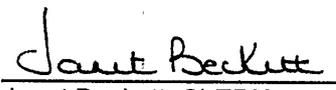
**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

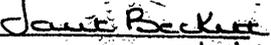
**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property at 155 Main Street West, in the City of Port Colborne, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached 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" 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 Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2006.**

  
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Ron Bodner, MAYOR

  
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Janet Beckett, CLERK

CITY OF PORT COLBORNE  
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
City Clerk   
08/31/06

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PARTS OF LOTS 2 AND 3, PLAN 2, NOW PLAN 762, CITY OF PORT  
COLBORNE, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA