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*Township of South Dumfries* *Crant*

JAMES G. WILSON, C.M.O. C.M.C.  
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December 5, 1991

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
2nd Floor  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of former McPherson  
School 485 Scenic Drive.

Pursuant to Section 29(6) and 29(14) of The Ontario Heritage Act, please find enclosed a certified copy of By-Law 81-91 designating the above noted property in South Dumfries Township as being of architectural and historical value.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. G. Wilson".

James G. Wilson  
Clerk-Treasurer

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUMFRIES

BY-LAW 81-91

By-Law 81-91 being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as 485 Scenic Drive, The School House, in the Township of South Dumfries in the County of Brant in the Province of Ontario as being of Architectural and Historical value and Interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, 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 South Dumfries has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the School House at 485 Scenic Drive in the Township of South Dumfries in the County of Brant in the Province 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;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Dumfries enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest the real property known as the School House at 485 Scenic Drive in the Township of South Dumfries in the County of Brant in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule A 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.

Read a first and second time this 3rd day of December 1991.

Read a third time and finally passed this 3rd day of December 1991.

"I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and correct

copy

Clerk"

Barbara Miller  
Reeve

Clerk

SCHEDULE A

TO BY-LAW 81-91

THE SCHOOL HOUSE  
485 SCENIC DRIVE, SOUTH DUMFRIES TOWNSHIP

ALL and SINGULAR those lands and premises situate lying and being in the Township of South Dumfries, in the County of Brant and Province of Ontario and being composed of part of subdivision Lot 1 in Concession 4, Township of South Dumfries, County of Brant.

SCHEDULE B

TO BY-LAW 81-91

THE SCHOOL HOUSE  
485 SCENIC DRIVE, SOUTH DUMFRIES TOWNSHIP

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The School House is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons.

Built in 1869, the McPherson School, S.S. #10, served the educational and community needs of the families in the Blue Lake area of the Township of South Dumfries for 92 years. Built of St. George buff brick and situated on land purchased from J. Daniel McPherson, McPherson School was built by J. and B. Bonham at a cost of \$812. Besides its day to day educational function, the school was the site of Literary Society activities, spelling matches, debates, Christmas concerts and many community functions.

Architecturally McPherson School is important for its Georgian style construction of St. George buff brick, over a rubble fieldstone foundation. Originally the three bay east facade featured a centre entry, with a transom topped by a divided fanlight. The entrance was flanked by tall 9/9 windows with segmental openings and a multi-paned half-round window located in the gable above the door. The large window style is repeated in the side walls. An ornate wood belfry sits on the metal roof and the bell remains on the property. The original clapboard wood shed is attached to the rear of the school.

This designation includes the main entrance, two windows and masonry on the east wall; the two windows and masonry of the south wall; the masonry on the west wall; the masonry of the rubble fieldstone foundation; the roof of the main building and clapboard wood shed; the belfry.