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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON



DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK  
K.W. SADLER, CITY CLERK

June 27, 1994

REGISTERED

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Re: Designation of Various Properties  
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the following by-laws:

1. By-law No. L.S.P.-3237-544, entitled "A by-law to designate Labatt Park to be of historical value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on May 30, 1994 and registered as Instrument No. 348294 on June 6, 1994;
2. By-law No. L.S.P.-3239-546, entitled "A by-law to designate 375 St. George Street to be of architectural and historical value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on May 30, 1994 and registered as Instrument No. 348295 on June 6, 1994; and
3. By-law No. L.S.P.-3240-547, entitled "A by-law to designate 314 Grosvenor Street to be of architectural and historical value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on May 30, 1994 and registered as Instrument No. 348296 on June 6, 1994.

*for* N. Dianne Mollard  
Assistant Secretary  
Board of Control  
/crg

Encl.



## CITY OF LONDON BY-LAW CERTIFICATION RECORD

I, G. A. McInnis, Assistant City Clerk

of the Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the By-law hereunder is a true  
copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3237-544

of the City of London, passed on May 30 19 94.

DATED at London, Ontario this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 19 94.

G. A. McInnis  
Signature

By-law No. L.S.P.-3237-544

A by-law to designate Labatt Park to be of historical value.

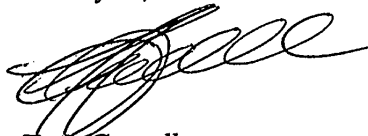
WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as Labatt Park has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

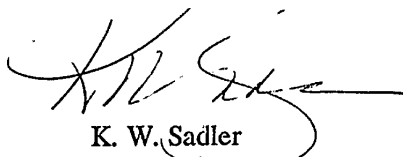
The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historical value or interest, the real property at Labatt Park, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on May 30, 1994.



T. C. Gosnell  
Mayor



K. W. Sadler  
City Clerk

First reading - May 30, 1994  
Second reading - May 30, 1994  
Third reading - May 30, 1994

## SCHEDULE "A"

To By-law No. L.S.P.-3237-544

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, and being composed of part of Lots Five and Six, East of Wilson Avenue, according to registered Plan Number 191, and part of Lot Number One and all of Lot Number Two, according to registered Plan 347, formerly in the Village of London West, and now in the City of London, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the Northerly limit of the said Lot Number Five, according to registered Plan Number 191, distant two hundred and twenty-six feet Easterly along the said limit from the Easterly limit of Wilson Avenue; thence Southerly parallel with Wilson Avenue one hundred and twenty feet; thence South-westerly in a straight line One Hundred and eighty feet more or less to a point distant one hundred and twenty-six feet Easterly measuring parallel with the Northerly limit of said Lot Number Five from Wilson Avenue, and distant one hundred and twenty feet Northerly measured parallel with Wilson Avenue from the Southerly limit of the said Lot Number Five; thence Southerly parallel with Wilson Avenue two hundred and sixteen feet ten inches to a point distant ninety-six feet ten inches Southerly from the Northerly limit of Lot Number Six in the said Plan Number 191; thence Westerly parallel with the Northerly limit of the said Lot Number Six one hundred and twenty-six feet to the Easterly limit of Wilson Avenue; thence Southerly along the Easterly limit of Wilson Avenue seventy-nine feet nine inches more or less to a point distant one hundred and thirty-one feet three inches Northerly along the said Easterly limit from the Northerly limit of Dundas Street; thence Easterly parallel with the Northerly limit of Lot Number Six according to registered Plan Number 191, one hundred and four feet six inches; thence Southerly in a straight line one hundred and forty-six feet more or less to a point in the Northerly limit of Dundas Street distant Easterly one hundred and nine feet six inches along the said Northerly limit from the Easterly limit of Wilson Avenue; thence Easterly along the Northerly limit of Dundas Street four hundred and eighteen feet six inches more or less to the Easterly limit of Lot Number Two according to registered Plan Number 347; thence Northerly along the Easterly limit of the said Lot Number Two, one hundred and fifty-eight feet four inches more or less to the Northerly limit of the said Lot Number Two; thence Easterly along the Northerly limit of Lot Number Three in the same plan one hundred and thirty-four feet; thence Northerly parallel with the Westerly limit of the said Lot Number Three produced Northerly, one hundred and seventy-eight feet; thence North-westerly in a straight line to a point in the Northerly limit of Lot Number Five in the said Plan Registered Number 191 distant twelve feet Westerly from the top of present concrete breakwater, erected by the City of London; thence Westerly along the Northerly limit of the said Lot Number Five, two hundred and ninety-four feet more or less to the place of beginning.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREOUT that portion of said land, if any, heretofore conveyed to the Corporation of the City of London for the purpose of a breakwater or esplanade.

As in Instrument Number 33043.

## **SCHEDULE "B"**

To By-law No. L.S.P.-3237-544

### Historical Reasons

Labatt Park is London's oldest sporting facility and is believed to be the oldest baseball grounds in continuous use in North America. In 1877, W. J. Reid bought a swampy river flat in London West, and drained and laid out a baseball diamond and building and named it Tecumseh Park. London's earliest baseball team, the Tecumsehs, won the championships in 1877. The site also hosted amateur and professional bicycle races. London's first moving picture was shown at Tecumseh Park in 1895. In 1932, it was the site of a huge civic reception for "Silent Sandy" Sommerville, the first Canadian golfer to win the U.S. amateur title. In the years before World War I, the London team of the Canadian Pro Baseball League used Tecumseh Park as their home field. During the twenties, it was home to the Michigan-Ontario Baseball League; London won the pennant in 1920, 1921 and 1922. By the 1930's, interest in baseball waned and the Park went into decline. It was rescued by the Labatt family, who bought it in 1936 and donated it and \$10,000 for improvements to the City of London. The site became known as Labatt Park at this time. The flood of 1937 swept away the existing grandstand, and a new grandstand and bleacher seats were built. Various baseball clubs have played at Labatt Park over the years, most recently the London Tigers. The park was renovated in 1990, and in 1991 it was voted the best baseball grounds in Canada.