



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre électronique, tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

CERTIFIED COPY

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 78-364

A By-law to designate the Montebello Park Pavillion on Ontario Street of historic interest.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Montebello Park Pavillion on Ontario Street 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 a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;


AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;


AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the Montebello Park Pavillion on Ontario Street.
2. The City 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 City Clerk is hereby 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.

PASSED this 10th day of October 1978.


CLERK.


MAYOR.

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara formerly in the County of Lincoln, and being composed of Lot No. 868 according to the Plan of the City of St. Catharines filed in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln as Corporation Plan No. 2.

I CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT OF WHICH IT PURPORTS TO BE A
COPY.

Dated this *11th* day of *October* 1978



Deputy *Deborah Raber*
CLERK OF THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

SIGNIFICANCE

City Council decided to construct a Pavillion in their newly-acquired park in August of 1887. According to the terms of the contract, Mr. Andrews constructed the Pavillion for \$1,500 on the foundation of what was previously intended to be the home of William Hamilton Merritt Jr. At that time it was located on land which had more in common with a farm; it was abundant in apple trees, post holes, and tree stumps.

The Pavillion was one of the first capital projects in the Park and it became the starting point to the yearly improvements which have taken place at Montebello.

Probably the most popular activity which took place in the Pavillion was the Saturday night dances. These continued until the 1940's when the building was condemned as unsafe for dancing. Some of the other activities for which it has been used include: revival meetings, plays, political rallies, and wine gardens.

DESCRIPTION

The Pavillion is an open structure of wood framing with a gabled hip roof. In all likelihood, the roof was originally wood shingle; this has since been replaced with a metal roof, now attractively painted a bright red.

The roof is supported on posts with Victorian-style open fretwork and trimmings. A wooden railing of compatible design is set between the posts and surrounds the open wooden floor area.

The floor of the Pavillion is wood set some 4 feet above grade on the stone foundation of the proposed home of William Hamilton Merritt Jr.

At one time, the public washrooms for the Park were housed in the foundation; these are now located in a separate structure. The basement is used as a storage area by the Parks and Recreation Department.