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To Whomever This May Concern,

Re: Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act
Former Merritt Library
344 Merritt Street
File No. 10.64.155

Please be advised that City Council at its regular meeting of July 28, 1997 passed a by-law designating the above-noted property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Three (3) certified copies of By-law 97-234 are enclosed for your records.

Please contact the writer at (905) 688-5600, extension 1710 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

K. Blozowski
Kevin Blozowski,
Secretary-Treasurer,
St. Catharines Heritage Committee

c.c A. Poulin, City Solicitor
K. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 97-234

A By-law to designate the former Merritton Public Library, 344 Merritt Street, to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the former Merritton Public Library, 344 Merritt Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

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

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

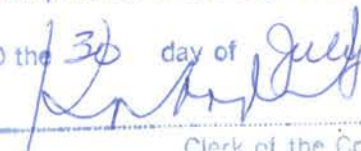
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as the former Merritton Public Library, 344 Merritt Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

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.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 97-234 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 30 day of July 1997


Clerk of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the 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.

Read a first time this 28th day of July 1997.
Read a second time this 28th day of July 1997.
Read a third time and passed this 28th day of July 1997.


CLERK


MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-234

City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara, former Town of Merritton, County of Lincoln, being Lot 260, Corporation Plan No. 6, save and except that part of Lot 260, Corporation Plan No. 6 previously described in Instrument No. 50382 (1960), more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the southerly boundary of Walnut Street distant therein North 88 degrees and 38 minutes East, 75.0 feet from the easterly boundary of Merritt Street;

THENCE North 88 degrees and 38 minutes East in the said southerly boundary, 57.0 feet to the north-east angle of said Lot 260;

THENCE South 1 degree and 07 minutes East in the easterly boundary of the said Lot, 132.0 feet to the south-east angle of the said Lot;

THENCE South 88 degrees and 38 minutes West in the southerly boundary of the said Lot, 57.0 feet;

THENCE North 1 degree and 07 minutes West, 132.0 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 97-234

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Merritton Public Library was built in 1924 through a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The Carnegie Foundation was responsible for the construction of hundreds of public libraries in Canada and the United States during that period. The building was later used by the Merritton Seniors.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building was designed in the Neo Tudor Style by renowned local architect Arthur Nicholson of the firm Nicholson and Macbeth. Architectural features of note includes a prominent front entrance to the left of the front facade. The entrance is a large stone Tudor-arch with decorative buttresses. When originally built the entrance was flanked by two bulb lamps that stood from the concrete step. The bolts for the lamps can still be seen. A decorated parapet surrounds the flat roof. There is a single chimney that projects on the left side of the building. The exterior of the building is a dark discoloured rough brick. Surrounding the building is a light coloured stone frieze located below the diamond shaped stone decorations in the brickwork. The numerous windows allow a great deal of natural light into the building. Surrounded by wooden mullions, the windows repeat primarily in sets of three. The main floor is one open area. There is a meeting room located in the basement.