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BY-LAW NO. L.S.P.-2329-578

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No.
Registry Division of Middlesex East (No. 33)
I CERTIFY that this instrument is registered as of

3:00 P.M. DEC 13 1977 in the
Registry Office
at London,
Ontario.

Hubert J. Sumner
REGISTRAR.
JS

A by-law to designate Eldon House,
481 Ridout Street North of historic
and architectural value.

Municipal Number 481 Ridout Street, North
London, Ontario

PASSED - November 21, 1977

City Clerk's Office
City Hall
London, Ontario

THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

W.S. ROSS, B.A., City Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

December 16, 1977

Our file: 35.2.1.77

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Greenville Street
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9

Re: Eldon House, 481 Ridout Street, North, London.
The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974

Please find enclosed a copy of By-Law No. L.S.P.-2329-578, being a by-law to designate Eldon House, 481 Ridout Street North of historic and architectural value, pursuant to Section 14(a) of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

City Clerk

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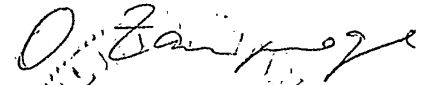
WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structure thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as Eldon House at 481 Ridout Street North having been duly published and served, no notice of objection was received to such designation;

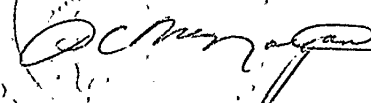
BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as Eldon House at 481 Ridout Street North, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby 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 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 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 Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

PASSED in open Council this twenty-first day of November, A.D., 1977.



O. Zamprogna
Presiding Officer



P. C. McNorgan
Deputy City Clerk

First reading - November 21, 1977
Second reading - November 21, 1977
Third reading - November 21, 1977

SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. -

L.S.P. 2329 - 578
~~L.S.P. 2329.578~~ g.k.s.

All that portion of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Registered Plan 61, in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario and being that portion of the said Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 lying easterly of the easterly limit of part 1 as shown on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office of Middlesex East (No. 33) as plan 33R1514.

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. -

L.S.P. 2329 - 578 g.k.s.
~~L.S.P. 2329.578~~

Architectural Reasons:

Eldon House is a fine frame house designed in the Regency style and subsequently enlarged and adapted to suit climatic conditions. Eldon House and its grounds linking with Harris Park form an excellent north-west closure in the area of the Forks of the Thames.

Historical Reasons:

Eldon House is probably the most important historical home in London and was a centre of social and political events from its construction in 1834 until it became the property of the City in 1960. The first owner, John Harris, RN, was the Treasurer of the London District, that is the central part of the south-western peninsula of Ontario, and was a leading political figure in the local Family Compact. In 1837, he participated in the raid on the "Caroline" in the Niagara River and may have set fire to the ship. After his death, his wife, Amelia Ryerse of Port Ryerse, who came from the same prominent Ontario family as the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, continued to live in the house, which was greatly expanded in 1877. Later, occupants of the house included George Becher Harris, a prominent London lawyer and his daughter, Amelia Archange Harris (1868-1959), who was the last member of the family to live at Eldon House. She was prominent in many sporting and charitable institutions in London.

The house, with its original furnishings, provides an excellent example of the life of the gentry of the region for over a century. The variety of the contents, brought back from almost all corners of the world, show their wide interests and the broader connections and outlook of the region, which can be so easily forgotten.