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CORPORATION

OF THE

TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

BY-LAW NO. 1481-84

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE RICHARD WOODRUFF HOUSE, 1873 YORK ROAD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 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 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Richard Woodruff House at 1873 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; 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 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake enacts as follows:

- 1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest the real property known as the Richard Woodruff House at 1873 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake 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.

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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 /2 DAY OF November, 1984. READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS /2 DAY OF November, 1984.

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SCHEDULE "A" to

BY-LAW NO. 1481-84

The Richard Woodruff House 1873 York Road

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, formerly in the Township of Niagara, in the County of Lincoln, now in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 90 for the former Township of Niagara, in the County of Lincoln, now Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and which said parcel or tract of land may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the Northerly limit of Township Lot 90 has an astronomic bearing of N 89 degrees 07' E according to Highway Plan No. 125 and all bearings herein related thereto; COMMENCING at a point in the Northerly limit of Township Lot 90, being the Southerly limit of former Highway No. 8 as shown on a plan of said highway registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara North, formerly the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln as Highway Plan No. 125, distant therein N 89 degrees 07' E, 1099.25 feet from a concrete monument found designating the North-West angle of said Lot 90;

THENCE N 89 degrees 07' E in the Northerly limit of said Lot 90, 244.95 feet to an iron bar;

THENCE S 0 degrees 11' 40" W, 199.35 feet to an iron tube found; THENCE N 78 degrees 30' 40" W, 29.7 feet to a standard iron bar found;

THENCE S 50 degrees 17' 50" W, 31.35 feet to an iron bar found;
THENCE N 86 degrees 52' 50" W, 45.9 feet to an iron bar found;
THENCE S 29 degrees 14' W, 41.0 feet to a standard iron bar found;
THENCE S 21 degrees 08' 30" W, 54.7 feet to an iron bar found;
THENCE S 86 degrees 17' 30" W, 223.95 feet to an iron tube found;
THENCE N 20 degrees 56' E, 330.3 feet more or less to the point of commencement. Said lands above-described being registered as Instrument No. 332706, Registry Division of Niagara North
(No. 30) on April 9, 1976.

SCHEDULE "B" to

BY-LAW NO. 1481-84

The Richard Woodruff House 1815-1820

This house was built between 1815 and 1820 by The Honourable Richard Woodruff, merchant. It is a handsome two-storey structure in the Georgian tradition with Neoclassic influence that sits on its original site. The rectangular, centre hall plan with rear two-storey L-extension was expanded in 1950 to provide for a single storey kitchen addition that fills in the ell at the rear of the house. The front entranceway was updated in the late 1800s with a Victorian barge-board trim porch and arched eastlake Victorian double doors. The distinctive features of the house include the original clapboard fixed to the structure with wrought-iron rosehead nails and interior details such as doors, floors and trim that have survived. The six original fireplaces still exist and there are five period mantels of extremely fine detail and design. Richard Woodruff (1784-1872) was a very successful merchant in the community and had a distinguished military service during the War of 1812. He was elected to the Assembly of Upper Canada and served as the Lincoln County representative in the Thirteenth Parliament.