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October 28, 1993

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Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation,
77 Bloor Street West,
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Re: Notice of Passing By-law # 194-93
1679 Blair Road, Cambridge, Ontario

It is my understanding that although the Ontario Heritage Act states that copies of designating by-laws are to be forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, it is you that is in charge of processing them.

For that reason, I am enclosing a copy of the above-noted by-law. The notice of intention to designate this property ran in the Cambridge Reporter, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on August 18, August 25 and September 1, 1993. There were no objections to the notice.

The notice of passing the by-law will be published in the same newspaper beginning November 10, 1993.

I would appreciate confirmation from you that forwarding to you these notices is appropriate. I can be reached Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (519) 740-4580.

Yours truly,

Valerie Spring, B.A., M.A.,
L.A.C.A.C. Co-ordinator.

BY-LAW NO. 194-93

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being a by-law of the City of Cambridge to designate the exterior of 1679 Blair Road, Cambridge, Ontario, as a property of architectural and historical significance.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. 337 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value or interest;

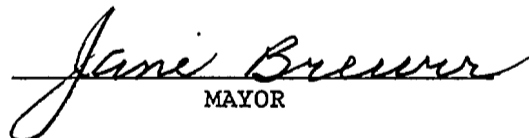
AND WHEREAS Notices of Intention to so designate 1679 Blair Road, Cambridge, Ontario, have been duly published and served;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS: -

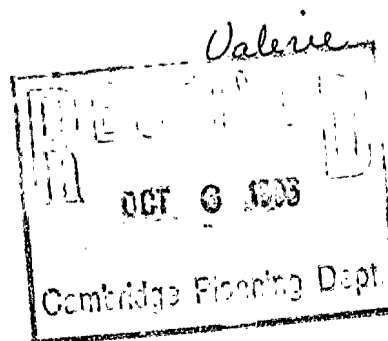
1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural significance the exterior of the original structure located on the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as 1679 Blair Road, Cambridge, Ontario. The reasons for designation are as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. THAT the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the said 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 Cambridge.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

ENACTED AND PASSED, THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1993


MAYOR


CLERK



SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 194-93
OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (formerly the Village of Blair), and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block A, Plan 581, and Part Lots 54 and Lots 55, 56 and Lots 78 to 84 inclusive, Part Lot 85 and Part of Elgin Street as closed, Plan 580, City of Cambridge, under By-law 834A of the former Township of Waterloo registered as Instrument #167589 on April 11, 1958, previously described in Instrument #516741.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW NO. 194-93
OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The subject building, located at 1679 Blair Road, was designated for its historic and architectural merit.

HISTORICAL

The building, constructed between 1837 and 1849, was originally built as a coach stop on the Huron Road. The Huron Road lead from Guelph to the Georgian Bay area and intersected at Preston. This created an increase of new business in the village and encouraged the construction of a bridge over the Grand River near Blair.

ARCHITECTURAL

Robert Leggett in his history of Blair states that the property underwent extensive changes when the Nicholsons purchased it in 1927. The old stables were removed and replaced with a parking lot, and the exterior stonework was added to the first floor. The bricks that clad the upper storeys are large and uniform in size and may also date from this time.

Reasons for designation from the Heritage Conservation Policy outlined in Section 2.5 of the City of Cambridge Official Plan:

Sub-section	Qualifications
2.5.1.3a(i)	Historic value Built between 1837 and 1849, this structure dates from an early period in the city's development.
2.5.1.3a(v)	Historic value Originally built as a coach stop on the Huron Road which crossed from Preston over Bechtels Bridge nearby, this building embodies a period in the social, cultural, economic and technological development of the city.
2.5.1.3b(i)	Architectural value In both its siting and design, this property is a good and reasonably well preserved example of a 19th century rural inn.
2.5.1.3b(iv)	Architectural value This structure contributes to the streetscape by filling the view from Blair Road in either direction.

A further description of this property can be found in the City of Cambridge L.A.C.A.C. Historic Building Inventory, 1991, by Angus Skene.