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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

By-law Number 5432-78

A by-law to designate the property at 94 Graham Street of architectural value.

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 Woodstock has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known municipally as 94 Graham Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to do so designate aforesaid real property and has caused 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 reason for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto, and

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural value the real property, more particularly described on Schedule "A" hereto known municipally as 94 Graham Street.
2. That this designation does not apply to any interior area of the building and applies only to the exterior facades of the building.
3. That a copy of this by-law shall be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
4. That the 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 Woodstock.

READ a first and second time this 17TH day of JULY, 1978.

READ a third time and finally passed this 17TH day of JULY 1978.

ACTING Mayor

D/Clerk

Schedule "A"

forming part of By-law Number 5432-78

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario, being composed of:

FIRSTLY: All Lots 9 and 10 on the East side of Graham Street and South of Buller Street according to Registered Plan No. 10, and,

SECONDLY: All that part of Lot 10 on the West side of Riddle Street and South of Buller Street according to Registered Plan No. 10 more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the north-westerly angle of said Lot;

THENCE Southerly following the westerly boundary of said lot a distance of 112.8 feet more or less to the south-westerly angle of said lot;

THENCE Easterly following the southerly boundary of said lot a distance of 8 feet;

THENCE Northerly parallel with the westerly boundary of said lot a distance of 112.8 feet more or less to the northerly boundary of said lot;

THENCE Westerly following the northerly boundary of said lot and being also the southerly boundary of Buller Street, a distance of 8 feet to the point of commencement.

Schedule "B"

forming part of By-law Number 5432-78

The Armoury completed in 1906 as the home of the Oxford Rifles, which became a City Regiment in December 1906 is typical of many Ontario Armouries built at the turn of the Century.

The Order-in-Council to purchase Lots 9 & 10 on the East side of Graham Street for the site of a new Armoury was issued on July 5, 1904, and an amendment to include part of Lot 10 on the West side of Riddle Street as part of the purchase was issued August 10, 1904.

The tender of Messrs. Nagel and Mills of Ingersoll for its construction was accepted on November 23, 1904. The design was by the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Significance - The building with its crenellated towers, built strictly for ornamentation, its expressive limestone dressed brick facades and its two massive limestone columns mounted by large round balls, faces majestically onto the Courthouse Square. It forms an integral part of the streetscape and is a fine example of architecture parlante, that is architecture that reveals its function through its exterior form. It serves to remind the citizens of Woodstock of the important role of the Militia in the lives of the people at that time.