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MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

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Chatham-Kent: Celebrating 10 years as a Community of Communities

July 31, 2008

Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Re:

Registration of Heritage By-law 179-2008

Senator Joseph Northwood Home

55 Dover Street, Community of Chatham (City)

Attached is a copy of By-law 179-2008, that was certified and registered as Instrument No. CK27964 on July 29, 2008 for the above-noted property.

Sincerely,

Charlie Toman

Development Planner

CT:kc

Attachment

Municipal Heritage Committee С

Heritage\Letters\Ont Heri Reg Bylaw 55 Dover St-Chatham July 31-08.ltr

🚁 LRO🕆 24 Application To Register Bylaw

Receipted as CK27964 on 2008 07 29

at 15:29

The applicant(s) hereby applies to the Land Registrar.

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Properties

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Description

PT LT 1-2 BLK E PL 2 AS IN 228982; CHATHAM-KENT

Address

ΡIN

00055 DOVER STREET

CHATHAM

Applicant(s)

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

Name

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

Address for Service

315 King Street West P.O. Box 640

Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation Steve Matheson, Solicitor.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

Statements

This application is based on the Municipality By-Law No. 179-2008 dated 2008/07/21.

Schedule; See Schedules

Signed By

Jennifer Ann Wiseman

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acting for Applicant(s) Signed 2008 07 29

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Fees/Taxes/Payment

Statutory Registration Fee

\$60.00

Total Paid

\$60.00

BY-LAW NUMBER 179-2008 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property known as 55 Dover Street, Community of Chatham, as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

PASSED the 21st day of July, 2008

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent may designate a property within the boundaries of the Municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has appointed the Heritage Chatham-Kent Advisory Committee and the said committee has recommended that the Municipality designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has given Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

- 1. That the property municipally known as 55 Dover Street, Community of Chatham, and more particularly described in the attached Schedule "B" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
- 2. The Clerk be authorized to register the by-law against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 3. The Clerk be directed 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 cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 21st day of July, 2008.

I hereby certify that to ue a true copy of By-law Number / 79-2008 passed by Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council at its' meeting

Held on July 21, 2008.

And the same is now in full force and effect.

Elinor Mifflin, Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of

Chatham-Kent

Mayor – Randy R. Hope

Clerk - Elinor Mifflin

SCHEDULE 'A'

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Senator Northwood Home

Description of Property

The Senator Joseph Northwood property is located on Part Lots 1 and 2, Block E, Plan 2, Chatham (city) at the north east corner of Kent Street and Dover Street in the City of Chatham in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The property consists of an early regency cottage of red brick construction (presently painted white) on a stone foundation with a six bay façade fronting Dover Street and a four bay façade plus a later boomtown front addition facing Kent Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative (OHA Reg 9/06):

This property contains a well preserved, important regency style brick cottage with historical associations to Chatham's earliest development and to one of the community's most important early entrepreneurs and politicians.

The property is part of a large parcel of land originally granted by the Crown to Lord Selkirk who subsequently sold 384 acres to James Woods, a prominent entrepreneur from Sandwich. Woods' son Joseph subsequently acquired 190 of these acres in 1826 although it was not until 1850 that the land was surveyed and subdivided. In 1851, Joseph Northwood purchased part of this land and soon afterward built a stylish brick home in the Regency Cottage style.

Northwood was, at this time, in his early 40s (b. 1809) and had made a considerable fortune through a number of business ventures in Chatham. He immigrated from County Mayo, Ireland, and settled in Chatham in 1833, opening one of the earliest mercantile businesses on the north side of King Street. He made a great deal of money by securing a government contract during the 1837 Rebellion. He subsequently involved himself in land development and built among other things, the famous Royal Exchange Hotel that he sold, unfinished, to the Eberts Brothers. He was a member of Chatham's first town council in 1851 and ran, unsuccessfully, for mayor and as a conservative member of parliament. In 1880, he was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister John A. MacDonald, filling a position vacated by the Hon. George Brown. In the 1881 Historical Atlas, Northwood is described as "one of the largest property owners who has probably contributed more to the growth and development of Chatham than any other of its residents." Northwood resided in the house until his death in 1886 at which time the property transferred to his son Charles who was also a prominent entrepreneur and mill owner.

The Regency style cottage that Northwood built is an unusually large brick structure (for the style) built on a ridge that would have originally overlooked the Thames River and downtown Chatham. Its impressive asymmetrical six bay façade and original wrap around veranda (now removed) would have formed an impressive and prominent home the town, befitting a man of Northwood's means.

Design/Physical (OHA Reg 9/06):

The Senator Northwood property is a well-preserved early Ontario gentleman's home that retains and reflects the early success and affluence of one of Chatham's earliest merchant/entrepreneurs. The property is composed of:

• A rectangular low hip roofed house in the English Regency style, constructed of brick with an asymmetrical six bay southern façade (facing Dover Street) and four bay western façade (facing Kent Street) with later boomtown fronted wood frame addition on the rear.

Contextual:

The house retains a visual prominence in its neighbourhood having been built on a corner lot on a rise of land.

Description of Heritage Attributes/Character Defining Elements

Key exterior elements of the Senator Northwood property that contribute to its value as a well preserved example of an early merchant gentleman's home include:

House Exterior:

- Stone foundation
- Window and door placement
- Second storey front gable dormers (north exposure)
- Window openings (presently partially concealed)
- Front door opening and flat transom single light
- Low hip roof
- Stetcher bond brick construction
- Flat arched vertical window headers
- Raised brick frieze line
- Plain frieze
- Overhanging soffit
- Plain lug window sills (presently covered)

Key elements of the Senator Northwood property that support its contextual value include:

- Location on a slight ridge/elevation
- Close proximity to both Dover Street and Kent Street creating a visual prominence

SCHEDULE 'B'

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block E, Plan 2, Community of Chatham, now in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Instrument No. CK19558 PIN No. 00541-0137