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November 20, 2012

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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

ATTN: Trust Secretary

Dear Sir:

## Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2012-077 – Former Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company 14 Erb Street West – Waterloo

Enclosed please find a copy of By-law No. 2012-077 being a by-law to designate the former Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company building located at 14 Erb Street West, to be of cultural heritage value or interest. By-law No. 2012-077 was passed by Council on July 23, 2012 and registered as Instrument No. WR711083 on August 30, 2012.

Trusting you will find this satisfactory.

Yours truly

Mary Frank, Development Coordinator Corporate Services/City Clerk's Division

cc:

Ms. Kris Fletcher, Clerk Regional Municipality of Waterloo 150 Frederick Street KITCHENER, Ontario N2G 4J3

Ms. Karen Vandenbrink, Secretary Municipal Heritage Committee THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WATERLOO

# BY-LAW NO. 2012-077

#### BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 14 ERB STREET WEST, IN THE CITY OF WATERLOO TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, (the "Act") authorizes the council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo deems it desirable to designate the Building located at 14 Erb Street West, in the City of Waterloo, to be of cultural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to the by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Waterloo has caused Notice of Intention to Designate to be given in accordance with Section 29(3) of the Act.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection has been served on the Clerk within the meaning of Section 29(5) of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WATERLOO ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- The property described as Lot 2 E/S Albert St, 3 E/S Albert St, 4 E/S Albert Street PL 491 City of Waterloo; Part Lot 1 W/S King Street North, 2 W/S King Street North, 3 W/S King Street North, 4 W/S King Street North PL 491 City of Waterloo Part 1, 58R5290; S/T 1103085; Waterloo, (the "Designated Property") is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
- The key attributes of the building, being the West (Albert Street) and South (Erb Street) facades including the window openings, the central front entrance with portico, the cornice, and pilasters, the 1900 decorative figure lions, the two coal chutes be designated for architectural and cultural heritage purposes, pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended.
- This By-law shall come into effect on the final passing thereof by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo.

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#### SCHEDULE "A"

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### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The formation of a mutual life insurance company was first suggested by James McQueen, the town clerk and school principal in Fergus, Ontario in a conversation with J. B. Hughes, a representative of the Waterloo County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Hughes told influential citizens about the idea and Cyrus M. Taylor, who had founded the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company, enlisted the support of businessmen in Waterloo.

The building was first occupied in 1880 and the tenth Annual Meeting was held there in April 1880. By 1887 additional space was needed and a one-storey addition was added to the north side. The manager's office was enlarged about 1893 by building a projecting bay to the left of the entrance door. On March 23, 1900 two concrete decorative lions were purchased for the front entrance. A number of additions and alterations were made to the building until finally in 1908 a decision had to be made as to the advisability of once more expanding on the present site or purchasing a new site. The company decided to buy a site where they are presently located at the corner of King and Union Streets. They moved from 14 Erb Street West to occupy the new building in 1912. After the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company left there was numerous businesses in the building. The Dominion Life Assurance was one such company. According to the Goad Insurance maps Dominion was there from 1913 to 1954.

The building's location adjacent to three designated landmarks strengthens and defines the commercial and historic character of Waterloo; and finally the significance of architect David W. Gingrich whose architectural legacy in the Region of Waterloo is notable.

The building is occupied by the Waterloo Regional Police and serves as the City of Waterloo detachment.