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704 Hillview road  
Kingston, ON K7M 5C9

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647 Princess Street  
Kingston, ON K7L 1E4

Dear Owners:

**Re: Heritage Designations – The Charles Gildersleeve Building at 181 Sydenham Street; the former Collins Bay Wesleyan Methodist Church at 704 Hillview Road; and The Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop at 647 Princess Street**

Pursuant to section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, attached please find the following:

1. By-law 2016-207 entitled "A By-Law To Designate the Charles Gildersleeve Building at 181 Sydenham Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)", was registered on title January 31, 2017, as Instrument FC234860;
2. By-law 2016-208 entitled "A By-Law to Designate the former Collins Bay Wesleyan Methodist Church at 704 Hillview Road to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O.

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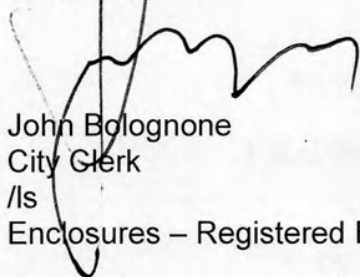
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1990, 0.18)", was registered on title January 31, 2017, as Instrument FC234861; and

3. By-law 2016-209 entitled "A By-Law to Designate Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop at 647 Princess Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)", was registered on title January 31, 2017, as Instrument FC234862.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Leary, Senior Heritage Planner, Planning, Building & Licensing Services at 613 546 4291, extension 3233, or at [rleary@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:rleary@cityofkingston.ca) during regular business hours.

Yours truly,



John Bolognone  
City Clerk  
/s/

Enclosures – Registered By-Laws

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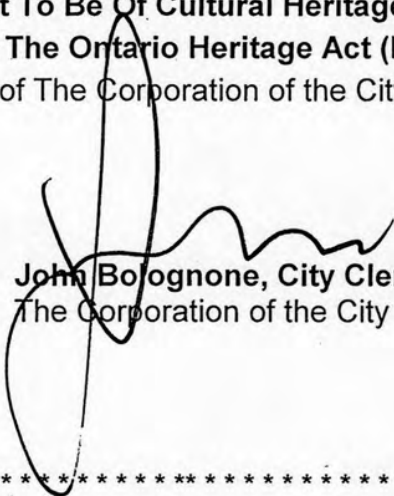
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I, **John Bolognone**, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of **By-Law Number 2016-209 "A By-Law To Designate Thomas McCrea's Carriage And Blacksmith Shop At 647 Princess Street To Be Of Cultural Heritage Value And Interest Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)"**, which was passed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston on January 10, 2017.

**DATED** at Kingston, Ontario  
this 17th of January, 2017

  
**John Bolognone, City Clerk**  
The Corporation of the City of Kingston

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**By-Law Number 2016-209**

**A By-Law To Designate Thomas McCrea's Carriage And Blacksmith Shop At 647 Princess Street To Be Of Cultural Heritage Value And Interest Pursuant To The Provisions Of The *Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)**

**Passed:** January 10, 2017

**Whereas** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**Whereas** Council has consulted with its Heritage Kingston Committee and has approved the designation of the property located at 647 Princess Street, also known as Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop (Lot 2, Plan A8, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac) on November 2, 2016; and

**Whereas** a notice of intention to designate the property was published in The Kingston Whig-Standard, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, on November 22, 2016; and

**Whereas** no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Kingston.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

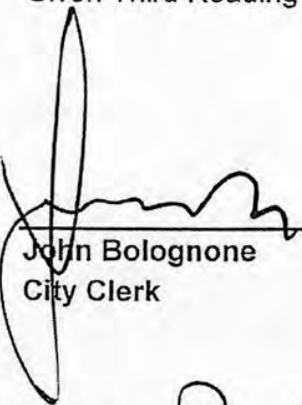
1. To designate as being of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in the City of Kingston: 647 Princess Street, also known as Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law;
2. A copy of the designating by-law shall be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" hereto and on The Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in The Kingston Whig-Standard;

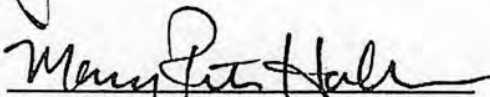


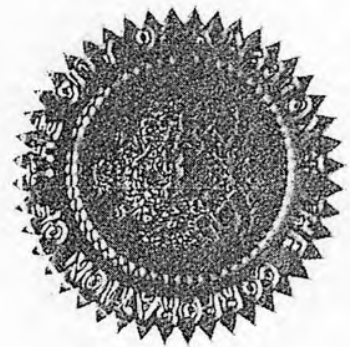
3. For the purpose of interpretation, the term 'Maintenance' will include the following definition (or as otherwise defined in the City's Procedural By-law for Heritage):  
"Maintenance means routine, cyclical, non-destructive actions, necessary to slow the deterioration of a Protected Heritage Properties, including the following:  
periodical inspection; property cleanup; gardening and repair of landscape features; replacement of glass in broken windows; minor exterior repairs, including replacement of individual asphalt shingles where there is little or no change in colour or design; repainting where there is little or no change in colour; re-pointing areas of wall space under 1.5 square metres; caulking and weatherproofing."
4. The City reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel; and
5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

Given First and Second Readings November 15, 2016

Given Third Reading and Passed January 10, 2017

  
John Bolognone  
City Clerk

  
Mary Rita Holland  
Deputy Mayor



**Schedule "A"**

**Description and Reasons for Designation**

**Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop**

Civic Address: 647 Princess Street

Legal Description: Lot 2, Plan A8, City of Kingston, County of Frontenac

Tax Roll Number: 101105003008300

**Introduction and Description of Property**

This property is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Princess and Victoria streets, in the heart of historic Williamsville. The key resource is a two-storey, gable-roofed, stone building with prominent brick chimneys. Built in the mid-to-late 1840s, it fronts directly onto Princess Street. A glassed-in extension to the rear (north) of the house has been built upon earlier stone walls. A large, flat-roofed extension to the east along Princess, and several gable roofed extensions to the rear (north) were added in 1960 or later.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

The property at 647 Princess Street illustrates an early stage of development in the history of Williamsville. It was part of the 1842 survey of the former Poole England property by prominent Kingston businessmen Henry Gildersleeve, John Counter and Thomas Kirkpatrick, who hoped to take advantage of the housing boom occasioned by the arrival of parliament in Kingston. The 1842 plan created Victoria Street and 104 building lots along that street, north and south of Princess Street, enabling the birth of Williamsville as a community. This property, located at the intersection of Princess and Victoria, was at the core of the new development. The stone building was likely built by William Filey, a plasterer, in the late 1840s and was a key part of the commercial activity of Williamsville. For many years it was operated by Thomas McCrea as a carriage-making shop and blacksmith.

Thomas McCrea's Shop is an early example of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, vernacular, stone construction in Kingston. The building is constructed of regularly coursed limestone with a low-sloped, gabled roof and a corbelled cornice. Openings are regularly placed on the second level; most of the first floor openings have been altered and enlarged. A notable feature is the pair of brick chimneys at either end of the roof ridge. The glass-roofed rear wing has been significantly altered, but contains remnants of a stone extension to the rear. The building is likely among the earliest surviving buildings in Williamsville, and illustrates 19<sup>th</sup> century, vernacular, stone construction in both Williamsville and Kingston.

Thomas McCrea's Carriage and Blacksmith Shop is one of two remaining original stone buildings from the 1842 plan for Williamsville at the key intersection of Victoria and Princess Streets. Together, the two form a small streetscape that reflects the early history of the area and functions as a landmark along this stretch of Princess Street.

#### **Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attribute essential to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property is the two-storey stone building. Key elements of the building include:

- its location at the corner of Princess and Victoria Streets;
- its siting directly abutting the sidewalks along the two street frontages;
- the stone construction of its walls and foundations, using evenly coursed, locally sourced, limestone;
- its proportions and massing;
- the proportions and placement of surviving original window and door openings;
- its low-pitched, gabled roof and prominent brick chimneys at either end of the roof ridge; and
- the visibility and legibility of its heritage attributes when viewed from Princess and Victoria Streets.