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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Middlesex



DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK
K.W. SADLER, CITY CLERK

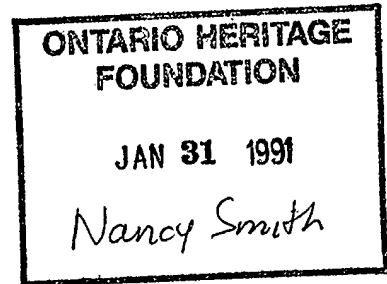
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Re: Designation of 79 Ridout Street
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Please find enclosed, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3110-50, entitled "A by-law to designate 79 Ridout Street to be of architectural value", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on January 21, 1991 and registered as Instrument No. 883861 on January 25, 1991.

for

R.J. Tolmie
Assistant City Clerk

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By-law No. L.S.P.-3110-50

A by-law to designate 79 Ridout Street South to be of architectural and historical value.

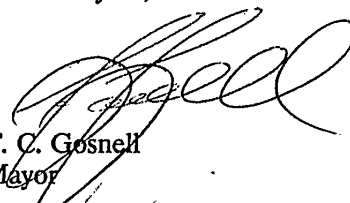
WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 79 Ridout Street South has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

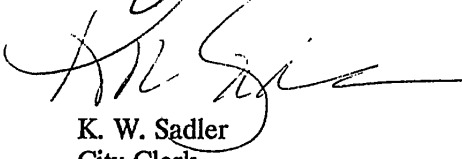
The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the real property at 79 Ridout Street South, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is 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 the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on January 21, 1991.



T. C. Gosnell
Mayor



K. W. Sadler
City Clerk

First reading - January 21, 1991
Second reading - January 21, 1991
Third reading - January 21, 1991

SCHEDULE "A"

To By-law No. L.S.P.-3110-50

Part of Lot 1, west side of Ridout Street, Plan 1 in the City of London and County of Middlesex, designated as Parts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Reference Plan 33R-8932.

Together with right-of-way over Pt. Lot 1, west side of Ridout Street, Plan 1, City of London and County of Middlesex, being designated as Part 10 on Reference Plan 33R-8932 for the purposes of ingress or egress with or without motor vehicles.

Subject to right-of-way in favour of owners from time to time of Parts 1, 10 and 11 on Reference Plan 33R-8932 over Parts 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 33R-8932.

Subject to right-of-way in favour of owners from time to time of Part 1 of Reference Plan 33R-8932 to erect and maintain a sign on Part 6 on Reference Plan 33R-8932.

SCHEDULE "B"

To By-law No. L.S.P.-3110-50

Historical Reasons

The house at 79 Ridout Street is representative of a home of an important member of the cigar manufacturing industry in London. Jose Gaste was one of the original occupants of 79 Ridout Street. His firm, Jose Gaste Co., (19 King Street; later 288 Dundas Street and 351 Ridout Street) was one of the largest cigar manufacturing firms in the city. The firm at its height (1912) employed 200 workers and produced 10 million cigars per year. Cigar manufacturing in London enjoyed a brief heyday from the 1880's to the early 1920's. After Montreal, London was the major centre of the tobacco industry in Canada. Consequently, cigar manufacturing was a very important local industry, employing several thousand workers. At its height, there were over 20 cigar making companies in London. The cigar industry began to decline at the beginning of World War I owing to steep tax increases on imported tobacco, a diminished number of drinking establishments after the passage of the Local Options Act and the rising popularity of cigarettes.

Architectural Reasons

The two and a half storey, red brick house at 79 Ridout Street was built in 1910 in the High Victorian style with Italianate references. It has a slate hip roof with side dormers, a tudor side gable, and bracketed eaves. The most prominent feature is the 2 storey full front verandah and balcony in the classical revival style with turned railings and Ionic columns. Rusticated stone foundation. The front entrance is also noteworthy with its Romanesque arch of rusticated stone and cut-glass door lights, sidelights and transom. The bay window (north side) has a rusticated stone base and curved windows. All window heads and sills are in stone.