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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

VICTORIA HALL  
55 KING STREET WEST  
COBOURG, ONTARIO  
K9A 2M2

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
(416) 372-4301

File No. 1079-72.....

February 25, 1988.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
M7A 2R9

Gentlemen:

Re: Ontario Heritage Act Designations

Please find enclosed copy of a by-law enacted by the Cobourg Municipal Council designating Victoria College, 100 University Avenue East, Cobourg pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

Yours very truly,

Carol Lawless,  
Office Clerk.

ICL/  
encl.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

BY-LAW NUMBER 11-88

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS VICTORIA COLLEGE, 100 UNIVERSITY AVENUE EAST, IN THE TOWN OF COBOURG, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, Section 29 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Victoria College, 100 University Avenue East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;


AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg enacts as follows:

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Victoria College, 100 University Avenue East more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. THAT a copy of this by-law together with the reasons for the designation be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the land registry office.
3. THAT a copy of this by-law be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and that notice of the passing of this by-law be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council  
this 25th day of January, 1988.

  
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Mayor

  
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Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

- FIRSTLY: Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block "I"  
Lot 1 and Part of Lots 2 and 7, Block "N"  
Part of Victoria College Block  
Part of the Road Allowance  
between Block "I" and Victoria College Block  
Part of the Road Allowance  
between Block "N" and Victoria College Block  
All on the Caddy Plan  
Shown as Part 1 on Reference Plan 39R-2254  
Town of Cobourg  
County of Northumberland
- SECONDLY: Part of Victoria College Block  
on the Caddy Plan  
Shown as Part 2 on Reference Plan 39R-2254  
Town of Cobourg  
County of Northumberland
- THIRDLY: Lots 7 and 8, Block "I"  
Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block "I"  
Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block "N"  
Part of Lots 2 and 7, Block "N"  
Part of Victoria College Block  
Part of the Road Allowance  
between Block "I" and Victoria College Block  
Part of the Road Allowance  
between Block "N" and Victoria College Block  
All on the Caddy Plan  
Shown as Part 3 on Reference Plan 39R-2254  
Town of Cobourg  
County of Northumberland
- FOURTHLY: Part of Park Lot "R"  
Part of Spencer Street  
All on the Caddy Plan  
Shown as Part 4 on Reference Plan 39R-2254  
Town of Cobourg  
County of Northumberland  
All formerly Part of Lot 16, Concession A

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

This property on University Avenue - formerly Victoria University - is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons.

Built by the Methodists between 1832 and 1836, Upper Canada Academy was incorporated as a university in 1841. Victoria University - one of the oldest and most important educational institutions in Ontario - has contributed significantly to the development of Ontario and, when located in Cobourg, was a major feature of the Town.

The building was designed by Edward Crane, architect, in the Greek Revival style. The east and west pavilions were extended to the north in the latter part of the nineteenth century in the same style. Symmetrical and with balanced fenestration, the 3 1/2 storey building, set on a stone base, is E-shaped. A raised central portico with Ionic columns is flanked by pedimented end pavilions. The gently pitched shallow roof structure is surmounted by a finely executed cornice half its original size containing simple pilasters and semi-circular headed bowed vents. The brick building is sheathed in stucco made to resemble marble or stone. This is now painted white.

In 1917 a large northern wing, designed by W. Symons, a prominent Toronto architect, was added.

Important features include the 12-over-12 sash windows, the simple cornice, the decorated boxed eaves, raised banding course and the slightly recessed main entranceway with double doors, side and transom lights. Other significant elements of the property include four lampstands at the main entrance, the board and batten shed, the ice house and the 1917 Auditorium by Symons.

A severely handsome building located on a rise of ground overlooking the town and culminating the north vista of College Street, the former Victoria College building has been an outstanding Cobourg landmark for over 150 years.