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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE "WESELEYAN METHODIST PARSONAGE/FINCH RESIDENCE, LANDS AND BUILDINGS BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 126, PLAN 182 IN THE TOWN OF SIMCOE KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 32 VICTORIA STREET, SIMCOE AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990; Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property; including all buildings and structures thereof, to be of architectural and historical value or interest.

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to designate the "Weseleyan Methodist Parsonage/Finch Residence, being Lot 17, Block 126, Plan 182, in the Town of Simcoe, known municipally as 32 Victoria Street, Simcoe was served on the Owner and The Ontario Heritage Foundation and such notice of intention was published in the Simcoe Reformer, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, once a week for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto:

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SIMCOE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the real property known as the "Weseleyan Methodist Parsonage/Finch Residence including lands and buildings, being Lot 17, Block 126, Plan 182 in the Town of Simcoe, known municipally as 32 Victoria Street, Simcoe in the Town of Simcoe, as more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the Land Registry Office at Simcoe, Ontario.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the Simcoe Reformer once a week for each of three consecutive weeks.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1992.

First Reading: November 23, 1992

Second Reading: November 23, 1992

Third Reading: November 23, 1992

Mayor

Town Clerk

L. Heinebuch
"CERTIFIED TRUE COPY"
(MRS.) LORRAINE HEINBUCH
A.M.C.T., C.M.C., C.M.O.
Town Clerk, Simcoe, Ontario

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO. 92 - 71

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Simcoe, in the County of Norfolk and Province of Ontario and being composed of:

All of Lot 17, Block 126, Plan 182 in the said Town of Simcoe, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, for the Town of Simcoe, in the County of Norfolk as described in Instrument No. 463681 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Norfolk.

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NO. 92 - 71

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Weseleyan Methodist Parsonage/Finch House is unique in the area in that it is a modest brick cottage built for the Wesleyan Methodist Church circa 1846. It is one of Simcoe's oldest houses and reflects a style that was introduced from Britain, the Regency Cottage.

The Cottage style remained popular right up until the close of the nineteenth century. The portico's simple, classical detailing and the paired, symmetrical windows of the facade with their flared stone lintels render this an attractive yet appropriately subdued parsonage.

This house ceased to be a parsonage in 1869. As subsequent, prosperous owners took possession the house expanded and modernized. Merchant John Lyons, lumberer and manufacturer John Nickerson and possibly clothier Frederick Brook added the Victorian details seen in the pressed metal ceiling, beautiful panelled wall and door, and the trellis-like arch decoration.

For these reasons, this building warrants designation as a property of architectural and historical importance in the Town of Simcoe and protection under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H., with the following features being specifically noted for their architectural significance:

- Exterior - all elevations including cornice and eaves
- the portico, railing, door framing, stained glass sidelights and transom
- Iron Cresting
- chimney
- unusual downspout - west elevation and east elevation
- Interior - panelled wall with bevelled glass door
- two pressed metal ceilings.