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THE CITY OF NANTICOKE

March 15, 1989

Our File: RS-89-94

Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of By-law #35-89. This By-law was passed by City of Nanticoke Council at their meeting of March 14, 1989.

Yours truly,

Ron Sinden, A.M.C.T.
Administrative Assistant

RS/mw

Encl.

CITY OF NANTICOKE

BY-LAW NO. 35-89

Being a by-law to designate the property, located at Lot 30, Block G, Plan 19B, in the former Town of Waterford, now in the City of Nanticoke, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, as a property of historic and architectural value (Foster-Murray Residence).

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, as amended, provides for the conservation, protection and preservation of the heritage of Ontario, and provides that the Council of a municipality may designate a property within the municipality to be of historic and architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Nanticoke deems it desirable to designate the property located at Lot 30, Block G, Plan 19B, in the former Town of Waterford, now in the City of Nanticoke, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, as property of historic and architectural value and interest;

AND WHEREAS the procedures required by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 have been carried out and no Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the aforementioned property was received;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Nanticoke hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the property known locally as the Foster-Murray Residence, and located at Lot 30, Block G, Plan 19B, in the former Town of Waterford, now in the City of Nanticoke, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk, be hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest for the purpose of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.
2. THAT a copy of this by-law together with Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, setting out the reasons for designation, shall be registered against the property affected and deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Norfolk (No. 37) and served upon the owner and the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

3. THAT a Notice of Passing of By-law shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Nanticoke.
4. THAT this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its final passing thereof.

PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 14th day of March, 1989.


Mayor


Deputy- Clerk

By-Law Registered

on _____

No. _____

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 35-89

FOSTER-MURRAY RESIDENCE

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980,
CHAPTER 337.

The property known as the Foster-Murray Residence is a good example of Italianate architecture. The property is located at Lot 30, Block G, Plan 19B, in the former Town of Waterford, now in the City of Nanticoke, in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk.

F O S T E R - M U R R A Y R E S I D E N C E

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HISTORY OF THE BUILDING

The Murray residence at Lot 30 Block G Plan 19B was built approximately between 1870 and 1871 and in 1874 Daniel Foster sold his residence to Cornelia Walker. Mr. Foster was born on March 10, 1826 in Vittoria, Norfolk County. He attended school there and eventually went to school in Toronto. Mr. Foster taught school for awhile and then settled in Waterford to become one of the most prominent businessmen in Waterford. He had business dealings in lumber, grain, and milling. Daniel Foster was a charter member of Circle No. 1, O.C.H.C., and was its Treasurer for 21 years. All three of his sons became doctors and were practising in the United States. 2

Daniel Foster is listed in the 1871 census as living in a two-storey brick house with his family. Then in 1874, Daniel Foster sells the house to Cornelia Walker who has a family of five children.

The home was owned by Cornelia Walker until 1901 when she sold it to James Erwin. The house from then on saw several owners until [REDACTED] purchased it in 1986.

HISTORICAL REFERENCES

1. *Waterford Book A. Land Registry Office Simcoe, Ontario.*
2. *Obituary of Daniel Foster. Family files Waterford Public Library.*
3. *1871 Census of Townsend Township.*

ARCHITECTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Murray home built in 1871 is a good example of Italianate Architecture.

The west elevation is the principle elevation and is symmetrical about the centre of the elevation where a window has been placed. The building material is yellow brick and the foundation is fieldstone. There are five windows here and each have the Italianate design of two round-headed windows to form one window station. Above each window is decorative brick work. The door, which has four panels, has a transom above and sidelights. On either side of the sidelights are fluted pilasters that support the entablature above the transom. The glass in the transom and the sidelights does not appear to be original as the glass in the sidelights is not transparent. Above the second floor windows are wood soffits, wood corner boards and dainty brackets attached to the soffits.

The north elevation is symmetrical about the centre of the elevation and has only two windows which are closer to the corner of the east elevation. The two windows are of the same Italianate design as those on the west elevation. There are also wood soffits, wood corner boards and dainty brackets attached to the soffits.

The south elevation is symmetrical about the centre of the elevation and is similar in design to the north elevation. The only difference is the bay window on the first floor. The bay window has three Italianate windows.

Inside much has been changed and therefore is not dealt with in this report.

GLOSSARY

Entablature -- the whole crown of a Greek or Roman building. The entablature is the part of an "order" the column supports (architrave first, then frieze, then cornice--all subsections within the layered entablature.)

Pilaster -- attached and rectangular column, with all the parts and perquisites; in high relief from the wall it serves and decorates. It is a foil to, and/or participating part of, a freestanding colonnade or porch working in concert with it.

Soffit -- the underside of any building's part, as in the soffit of an arch or lintel--the underside of overhanging or overbearing structure. Suburban American housebuilders have managed to subvert the word, so that the vertical filler panel between kitchen cabinets and ceiling is a soffit.

Transom -- that bar that separates door from window or fanlight, fixed or movable, above.

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

The Foster residence is a good example of Italianate Architecture.

For this reason the Foster residence warrants designation and protection under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIGNATION

The City of Nanticoke Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the Foster residence located at Lot 30, Block G, Plan 19B, in the former Town of Waterford, be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 and that the following features be specifically noted for their architectural significance:

1. North, south and west elevations including soffits and brackets.

