



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

---

Ce document est tiré du registre électronique, tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

TELEPHONE (416) 468-3266

THE CORPORATION OF  
**THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**  
FIRST CAPITAL OF UPPER CANADA - 1792

*Planning Department*



June 21, 1978

Mr. A. B. R. Lawrence, Q.C.  
Chairman  
Ontario Heritage Foundation  
7th Floor  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario.  
M7A 2R9



Reference: Designating By-law  
Old Town Hall (Court House)  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

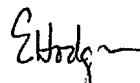
On June 12th, 1978 the Council of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake completed the long-awaited first step towards the implementation of a Heritage Conservation Program in our community. The designation of the Old Town Hall (Court House) on Queen Street is regarded by most people as a positive move in an attempt to preserve the atmosphere and enhance the quality of one of the most historic main streets in the Province of Ontario.

As you are well aware, the designation of the Court House under The Ontario Heritage Act also ties in very closely with the Restoration Feasibility Study currently underway on this heritage building.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I forward a copy of the designating by-law to you for your records. Notice of the passing of the by-law will appear in the next three issues of the Niagara Advance and our solicitors are to be instructed to register a copy of the by-law against the title of the subject property.

I trust the above information meets with your approval.

Yours very truly,

  
E. H. Hodgins,  
Associate Planner

*file*

C O R P O R A T I O N  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
BY-LAW NO. 813-77

A By-law to designate the Old Town Hall,  
formerly the third Court House of Lincoln  
County, at 26 Queen Street, of architectural  
value and of historic interest.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Old Town Hall of Niagara, formerly the third Court House of Lincoln County, at 26 Queen Street, 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 a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out as Schedule 'B' hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA hereby enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural value and of historic interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto, known as the Old Town Hall of Niagara, formerly the third Court House of Lincoln County, at 26 Queen Street.

2. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.

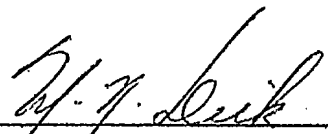
3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE , 1978 .

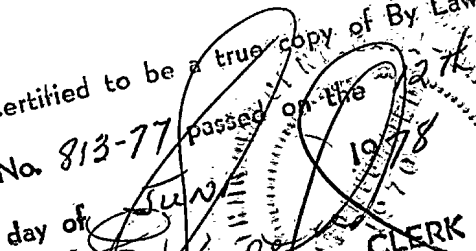
READ A SECOND TIME THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE , 1978 .

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE , 1978 .

  
CLERK

  
LORD MAYOR

Certified to be a true copy of By Law  
No. 813-77 passed on the  
day of June 12th 1978  
CLERK



SCHEDULE 'A'

PART OF LOTS 65 AND 66 BEING A GIVEN ROAD  
SHOWN AS MARKET STREET - NIVEN PLAN NO. 86 -  
TOWN OF NIAGARA - COUNTY OF LINCOLN - TOWN  
OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE - REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF NIAGARA

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Province of Ontario, being formerly in the Town of Niagara and the County of Lincoln, being composed of Part of Lots 65 and 66 being a Given Road shown as Market Street on the Niven Plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Lincoln as Plan No. 86 for the said Town of Niagara and which parcel may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the Northwesterly boundary of King Street distant therein South 34 degrees, 44 minutes West, 138.0 feet from the Southwesterly boundary of Queen Street, said point being in the Southwesterly boundary of a Given Road known as Market Street;

THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West along the Southwesterly boundary of said Market Street, 58.2 feet to a point which said point is the Place of Beginning of the herein described parcel;

THENCE North 34 degrees, 35 minutes East, 28.0 feet to a point in a line parallel to and a perpendicular distance of 25.0 feet Southerly from the Northeasterly boundary of said Market Street;

THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West along said last mentioned parallel line, 118.5 feet;

THENCE South 34 degrees, 47 minutes West, 11.0 feet;

THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West, 5.5 feet;

THENCE South 34 degrees, 47 minutes West, 11.45 feet;

THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West, 57.0 feet;

THENCE North 34 degrees, 49 minutes East, 11.45 feet;

THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West, 4.5 feet;

THENCE North 34 degrees, 49 minutes East, 11.0 feet to a point in a line parallel to and a perpendicular distance of 25.0 feet

Continued

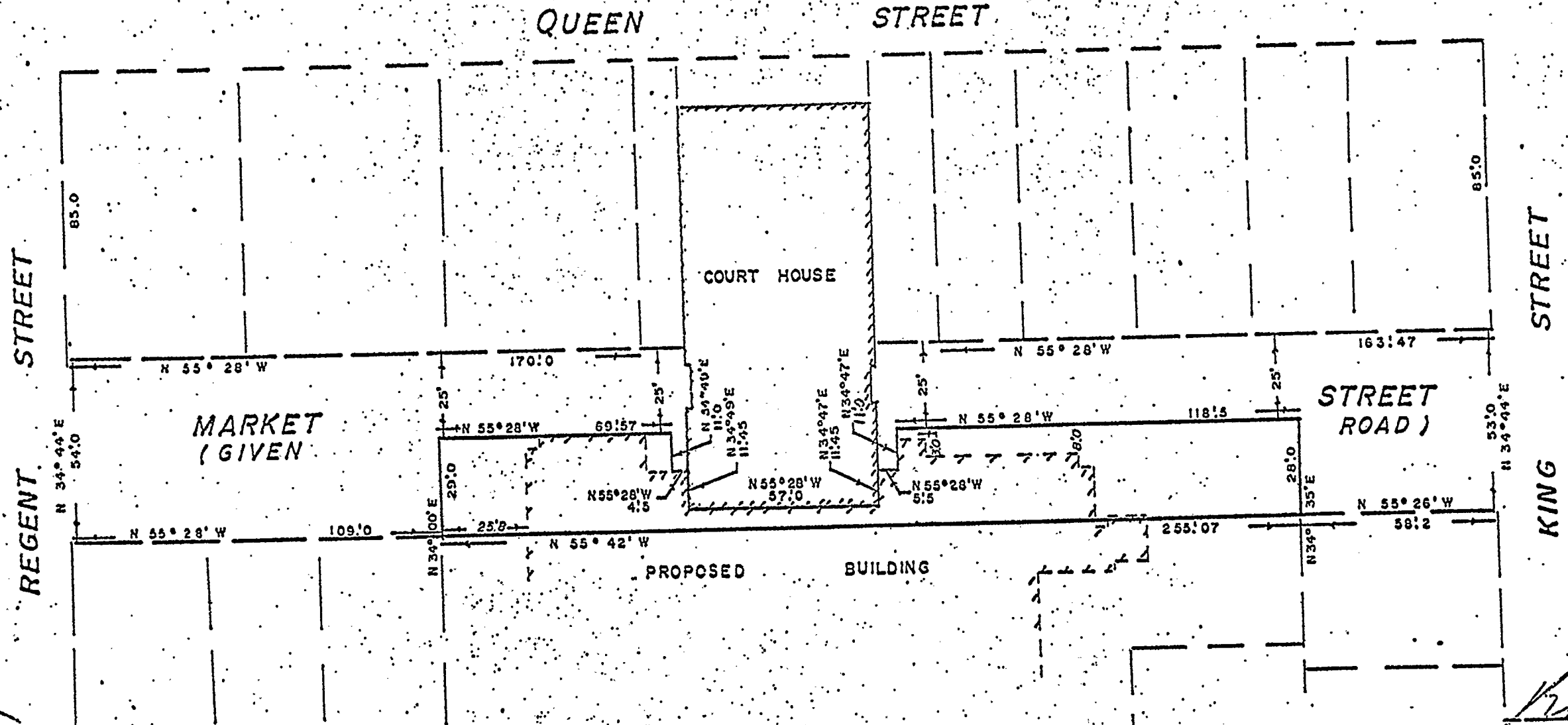
Southerly from the Northeasterly boundary of said Market Street;  
THENCE North 55 degrees, 28 minutes West along said last mentioned  
parallel line, 69.57 feet;  
THENCE South 34 degrees, 00 minutes West, 29.0 feet to the South-  
westerly boundary of said Market Street;  
THENCE South 55 degrees, 42 minutes East along the Southwesterly  
boundary of said Market Street, 255.07 feet more or less to the  
Place of Beginning.

PREMISING that the assumed astronomic bearing of King  
Street is North 34 degrees, 44 minutes East and all bearings  
herein are related thereto.

PLAN OF MARKET STREET, DENING PART OF...  
 NIVEN PLAN NO. 86, TOWN OF NIAGARA, COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 NOW IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
 REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

SCALE 1 IN. = 40 FT.

16 AUGUST 1971



*Douglas G. Ure*  
 DOUGLAS G. URE & SON  
 Professional Engineers  
 Ontario Land Surveyors  
 66 QUEEN ST., ST. CATHARINES

SCHEDULE 'B'

Reasons for the designation of the Old Town Hall of Niagara, formerly the third Court House of Lincoln County, at 26 Queen St.

The Old Town Hall, 26 Queen Street, is designated to be of architectural value as a notable example of the type of public and institutional buildings which mark the rich architectural heritage of the mid-Victorian period. Built in the classical revival style in 1847 by architect William Thomas, the Old Town Hall was originally built as a seat of government for Lincoln County. The usage changed from court house to town hall when the county seat was moved from Niagara to St. Catharines and the building now houses the oldest public library in Ontario. The Old Town Hall has a functional arrangement and epitomizes other civic buildings of the mid-19th Century where various uses and occupancies had to be organized within a cohesive design and translated into fine architectural expression. The Old Town Hall was designed to blend in well with the surrounding buildings and yet with its unique architectural design, stands out and becomes the focal point of the Queen Street streetscape. The Old Town Hall is designated on historic grounds for its associations with the political and social development of the Town of Niagara.