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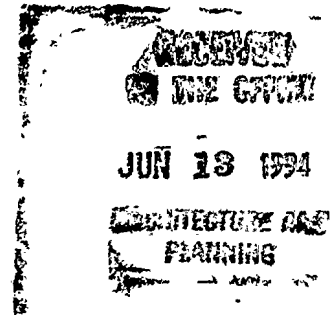
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Dear Sir/Madam;

RE: Passing of By-Laws for Designations

Enclosed, please find reasons for designation and a certified copy of By-Law Numbers 94-46 and 94-45, passed by the Hamilton Township Council regarding the Old Camborne School and Smart/ [REDACTED] House, Lot 20, Concession 4 and Lot 12, Concession 8 respectively, in the Township of Hamilton.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Peggy Cramp, A.M.C.T.(A)  
Chief Administrative Officer

PC/rt  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 94-45

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A LAND AND PREMISES  
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
FOR SMART [REDACTED] HOUSE  
LOT 12, CONCESSION 8, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, authorizes Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest, and;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owners of lands and premises below, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and/or buildings and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Cobourg Star 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 served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton Council ENACTS as follows:

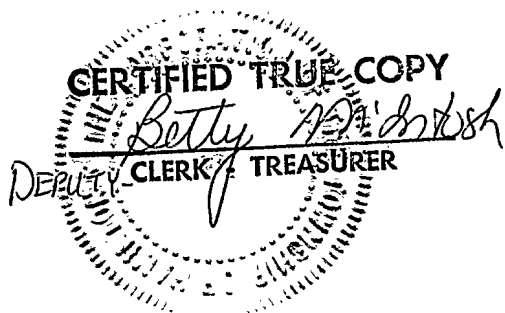
1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property as follows;
  - a) The Smart [REDACTED] House, Part Lot 12, Concession 8, Gores Landing, Ontario K0K 2E0

- Good example of a two storey brick farm house with a hip roof typical of the 1920's era.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the properties described above in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

This By-Law given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 17th day of May, 1994.

*Charlotte Clay-Thelander*  
REEVE

*Betty McIntosh*  
DEPUTY-CLERK



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SMART/ [REDACTED] HOUSE

Address: Lew Harris Rd., Gore's Landing, Ont  
Lot 12, concession 8  
Hamilton Township

Original Owner/Builder: Ainslie Smart (1876-1943)

Present Owners: [REDACTED]

Date: 1921

Historical analysis, Dec. 1992:

The 4-acre property now owned by the [REDACTED] was originally part of an 150-acre farm. The original patent for clergy reserve lot 12, concession 8, was granted to Francis and William Falkner Jr. in 1856, although their father, Judge Falkner, had leased the property for the previous 25 years. (See Cruikshank/Watt history for Falkners).

From 1828, when he settled on the Rice Lake Plains, to the late 1840s Judge Falkner operated a water-powered sawmill on the site of the present Gore's Landing Marina. A road once ran from County Road 9 through the John McLeod property, Highland Home, to the Falkner mill and was named Old Mill Road. Of that old road only the north end remains and is now Waldon Road. Falkner's five sons were employed running the sawmill, clearing off the timber and farming their father's extensive holdings.

In 1857 the Falkner brothers sold the north 100 acres of lot 12, concession 8, to William Thoms. Authoress Catharine Parr Traill wrote the following to her daughter, Annie Atwood, in 1856: "You know of the arrival of Mr. Thoms whom we find a very amiable person. James {her son} is busy sawing lumber for his house but it will hardly be up till after harvest so that we shall have Mr. Thoms till it is tenable". At this time Mrs. Traill was living in a two-storey log house on present Traill Road, originally built by Judge Falkner in 1828. When their house burned down in 1857 the Traills moved to Lakefield. In a later letter written to her friend Frances Stewart headed "Gore's Landing, Claverton Mill, June 22, 1860" she remarks she was "pleased to see Mr. Thoms looking so well". Claverton Mill (site of present Victoria Inn) was the home of her friend Anna Dalye, sister of William Falkner. William Dalye was manager of the Fortune steam-powered sawmill nearby. (Due to inexperience, bad luck and over-extending the Falkners, Traills and Dalyes eventually went bankrupt.)

Mr. Thoms didn't stay long in the area but sold his farm to James McLeod, a Scottish bachelor who lived there with his mother, Catherine. According to the 1861 census the house was one storey frame. John Baptist, who bought the farm in 1863, built a story and a half brick house there around 1875. There were only a few

rooms upstairs under the gable at the front. In 1882 the farm was purchased by David Smart for his son Ainslie. (See Ainslie [REDACTED] house history). It was named Huntley Dale for their former home in Scotland.

Ainslie Smart married Carolyn Cooper and they had one daughter Laura. In 1901 Ainslie enlarged his farm by buying the land to the north right down to County Road 18. These additional 50 acres were composed of heavy stoney clay and were farmed with difficulty. Many huge boulders were removed to the fence rows where they still remain.

In 1920 the farmhouse was destroyed by fire and only the south wall was left standing. The fire started in the back kitchen where wet clothes were hung too close to the stove. Ainslie decided to rebuild on the same foundation and enlarged the house to 2 stories with a hip roof. He retained the south brick wall, now badly deteriorated. Nine years later one of the barns, which had just received a steel roof and had not yet gotten a lightning rod, was struck that very night in a severe thunder storm and also burned.

When Laura Smart married, she and her husband, Lewis Harris, took over the farm and there their seven children grew up. A number of lots and the old farmhouse have been severed off the property as well as a 10 house subdivision on County Road 18. The remainder of the farm is now operated by [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] purchased the farmhouse in 1989 and the decrepit barns have been demolished.