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Department of Development Services  
Ted W. Goodchild, MCIP, RPP, Commissioner

June 23, 2004

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**Re: City of Oshawa By-law 68-2004**

Pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, enclosed for your records is a copy of By-law 68-2004, passed by City Council on June 7, 2004, which designates the property known as the Magner-Robson House, located at 268 Winchester Road West, Oshawa as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

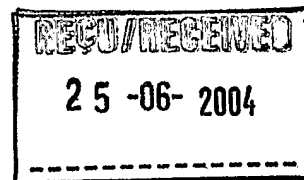
If you have any questions, please contact Greg Atkinson, Planner, or myself at the address shown or by telephone at extension 2536 or 2443 respectively.

Evan Rodgers  
Manager, Policy and Special Projects  
Planning Services

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Attachment

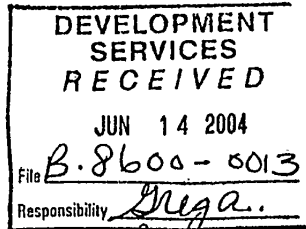
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being a by-law to designate the property known as the Magner-Robson House, located at 268 Winchester Road West, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Recitals:



JS  
JC  
Mike  
Paul

1. Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures on it, to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Property Section Central, is the registered owner of the property, which contains the building known as the Magner-Robson House, located at 268 Winchester Road West, in the City of Oshawa. The building was constructed in the 1860's and was extensively renovated in 1944.
3. The Corporation of the City of Oshawa provided notice to the Ontario Heritage Foundation that it intends to designate this property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. Notice of intention to designate this property was published in the *Oshawa This Week* newspaper (which has general circulation in the City of Oshawa) on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2004.
5. The last day for serving a notice of objection to the advertised notice was the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004. No notice of objection to the proposed designation was served on the City Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a by-law of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa, by its Council, as follows:

1. The property, including all facilities, features and structures on it which are described in Schedule "A" to this By-law, located at 268 Winchester Road West, more particularly described as Concession 6, Part Lot 14 and 15 and Part of Road Allowance Between Lots 14 and 15, now

Registered Plan 40R-12243, Part 1, and Registered Plan 40R-15202, Part 1, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

2. The reasons for designation of this property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.
3. A copy of this by-law shall be registered against the property described above in the Land Registry and Land Titles Offices for the Land Registry Division of Whitby (No. 40).
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to publish notice of the passing of this by-law in the *Oshawa This Week* newspaper.

By-law read a first, second and third time and finally passed this seventh day of June, 2004.



Mayor



City Clerk

Passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004

Statement of Reasons For Designation of

Magner-Robson House

268 Winchester Road West

City of Oshawa

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the property at 268 Winchester Road West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Part IV*.

Historical Significance

This one and a half storey, stone farmhouse was probably built in the 1860s by Township of East Whitby farmer John Magner. After changing hands a number of times, the house and property was then sold to Charles Norman Robson of Oshawa's Robson Leather Co. Ltd. in 1944.

In the first half of the twentieth century, there was a trend among successful businessmen and industrialists to acquire farms and convert them to country retreats or hobby farms. Often just outside urban centres, the dwellings became architecturally stylish conversions of older structures. Gothic revival farmhouses, for example, had architect designed Craftsman or Arts and Crafts style makeovers.

The Robson house conversion in 1944-45 is near the closing years of this trend. The remodelling was more a reworking of the layout to meet the requests of an affluent owner than an attempt to achieve a new architectural style. It is also notable for being undertaken during the Second War, when there was some fear that urban centres would be targeted. Robson, however, being affiliated with the No. 20 Elementary Flying Training School at Oshawa Airport, may have been aware that by mid-1944 the end of the conflict was near. The war had been lucrative for Robson Leather Co., who was contracted to supply the Canadian forces with boot leather.

Significant Architectural Attributes (to be protected by the Designation)

- Georgian style one and one half storey stone building and stone addition;
- Two storey frame addition;
- Cut stone and field stone masonry;
- Four gable dormers on south façade;
- Stone chimney;
- Unique doorcase openings and window openings;
- Gable roof with returned eaves and moulded cornice and frieze;
- East facade verandah;
- Outbuildings:
  - Frame stable and barn structure including concrete silo;
  - Frame carriage house;
  - Peacock pens;
  - Frame root cellar.