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THE CORPORATION OF
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Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust,
Heritage Programs and Operation
ATTN: Mr. Jim Leonard
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1J3

Re: Notice of Amendment to Nine (9) Municipally Designated Heritage Properties

Dear Mr. Leonard,

The Town of Perth and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (MHAP) have been working to update municipal heritage designations in order to bring them into compliance with the current standards for designations of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

As the Registrar for the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Town is hereby providing you with notice of the approved nine (9) amendments (see attached) to the following properties:

1. 2474-1 – The Hope Building, 69-71 Foster Street;
2. 2520-1 – Roderick Matheson Building (Shaw's Of Perth), 1-3 Gore Street East
3. 2525-1 – Roderick Matheson Building (Kellock Block), 41-43 Gore Street East;
4. 2526-1 – Roderick Matheson Building (Kellock Block), 39 Gore Street East;
5. 2643-1 – Dr. William Grant Building, 85-87 And 89-91 Gore Street East;
6. 2814-1 – Doran Block (Riverside Apartments), 93-99 Gore Street East
7. 3053-1 – Charles Rice (Thomas-Wright Building), 63-65 Gore Street East
8. 3423-1 – Francis Holliday (The Soong Building), 67-71 Gore Street East, and;
9. 3424-1 – Perkins Motors (Perks 'N Things), 2 Wilson Street West.

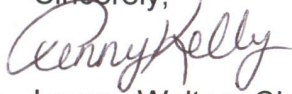
The amendments clarify the Statement of Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes of said properties.

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If you have any questions please contact Karen Rennie, Heritage Manager /
Curator at 613-267-1947.

Sincerely,



per Lauren Walton, Clerk

Enclosures

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

BY-LAW NO. 3053-1

A By-law to amend By-law No. 3053, being a By-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of the Charles Rice (Thomas-Wright) Building located at 63-65 Gore Street East

Recitals:

- 1.1. Section 29 in Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;
- 1.2. Council wishes to bring the designation into compliance with the current standards for designation of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- 1.3. The Committee of the Whole reviewed Report 2012-CoW-15.UB.1 and concurs with the information presented;
- 1.4. The Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #12-120 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;
- 1.5. On September 13th, 2012 notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of the Charles Rice (Thomas Wright) Building was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;
- 1.6. The public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within thirty (30) days of the notice, to the Clerk;
- 1.7. The Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of October 16th, 2012;
- 1.8. Council for The Corporation of the Town of Perth deems it advisable to pass this By-law.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth enacts as follows:

1. AUTHORIZATION

- 1.1. That By-law No. 3053 be amended in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

Building/Property Name:	Charles Rice (Thomas-Wright) Building
Address:	63-65 Gore Street East
Original Owner:	Charles Rice
Present Owner:	Basin Theatre Development Inc.
Date Built:	c. 1851
Architect/Contractor:	Unknown
Original Use:	Commercial offices (Bathurst Courier), residential
Present Use:	Kelly's Gifts & Flowers; Studio Theatre
Date Designated:	By-law No. 3053 – 14-December-1993

Registration:

Reason for Designation:

A substantial, 2-1/2 storey, rubble stone building on the south-east corner of Gore and Colborne Streets, in downtown Perth. In its earlier years, in addition to shops and apartments, the building housed the Bathurst (Perth) Courier.

Cultural and Historical Value:

Charles Rice, the son of an early settler in the Perth area, was born on the family farm in Drummond Township in 1822. A largely self-educated man, Rice was apprenticed in 1839 to James Thompson, the proprietor of the Bathurst Courier. By the early 1850's Rice had become the owner, editor and publisher of the paper; housed its operations on the second floor of this building and, in 1857, changed its name to The Perth Courier. In addition to his business and professional life, Rice was the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of Perth for some 40 years.

The appointment of Charles Rice as the Clerk of the County Court in 1862, an office he held for almost 40 years, occasioned the sale of the paper to G.L. Walker, who continued its operations at this address until the late 1800's. The name of the building derives from two businesses which occupied the ground floor for a number of years. H.B. Wright, Furrier, owned the building from 1867 followed by Wright & Son, Tailors, until 1930. From 1958 to 1972, Mr. Jack Thomas owned and operated an optometry business in the building. The upper floors have been used both as commercial and residential space over the years until, in 1994, the building was renovated and extended by Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Ltd., for the Perth Theatre Project, with the ground floor on Gore Street continuing its commercial vocation.

Architectural Value:

Although altered sympathetically and extended considerably on its north and east facades, fronting on the Basin, this Gore Street building remains a significant, mid-1800's commercial structure. In height, materials and massing, it anchors the north end of the business block in the centre of downtown Perth which terminates on the south end in the first public library (1907) building opposite the Town Hall.

Heritage Attributes:

In addition to the solidity of its handsome, re-pointed beige sandstone construction and the symmetry of the door and window arrangement on all levels, the following elements are essential to the preservation of the architectural value of this property:

- On the main level, the two simple wood-framed entry doors separated by four, 3-on-3 shop windows; the whole surmounted by two long wooden signage panels with dentilled cornices.
- On the second level, the six double-hung, 6-on-6 wooden windows with soldier stone voussoirs and rough stone lug sills
- On the top level, the four, evenly-spaced dormers with projecting eaves and 6-on-6 double-hung wooden framed windows
- The gabled north façade facing Colborne Street which features returned eaves, a plain frieze and a repetition of the fenestration pattern of the main façade.

Legal Description:

LT 7 882 LANARK S LYING WITHIN COCKBURN ISLAND DRUMMOND;
PT COLBORNE ST COCKBURN ISLAND PL8828 LANARK S DRUMMOND;
PT TAY ST COCKBURN ISLAND PL8828 LANARK S DRUMMOND
(FORMERLY PETER ST) CLOSED BY RS81082 AMENDED BY RS117364 PT
25 27R4141, PT 5 27R5773 & PT 2 & 3 27R7820; S/T RS153295; PERTH (PIN
05178-0022).

References:

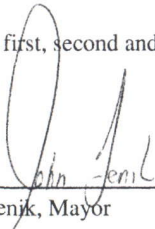
- Brown, Howard Morton: Lanark Legacy: The Corporation of the County of Lanark, 1984
- Perth Courier, 6-September-1901, Obituary of Charles Rice

- Perth Courier, 8-August-1984, 150th Anniversary Issue
- Quattrocchi, Gus: The Merchants, Professionals & Tradespeople of Perth (privately published), 1996
- Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Ltd., elevation drawing for restoration of Gore Street façade of 63-65 Gore St. East, 1994.


2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

2.1. That this By-law shall come into force and effect upon passage thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of November, 2012.



John Fenk, Mayor



John deRosenroll, Deputy Clerk

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