THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STONEY CREEK

BY-LAW NO. 3608-92

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 7 PLACID PLACE AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-laws to designate a property, including buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the former George Corman House, 7 Placid Place, Concession 3, Part of Lot 22, Part 5 of Reference Plan 62R-7835, City of Stoney Creek, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STONEY CREEK ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as the former George Corman House, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto 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 same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 14th day of July, 1992.

ACTING CLERK

MAYOR

I, Rose Caterini, Acting Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek, hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true copy of By-law No. 3608-92, passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek on the 14th day of July, 1992.

Dated at the City of Stoney Creek, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, this 22nd day of July, 1992.

SCHEDULE 'A'

BY-LAW NO. 3608-92

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS
THE GEORGE CORMAN HOUSE
7 PLACID PLACE

Those lands being composed of Part of Lot No. 22 in the 3rd Concession, all of Part 5 on the Plan filed in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Wentworth (No. 62) as 62R-7835, in the City of Stoney Creek;

And known municipally as 7 Placid Place, in the City of Stoney Creek, and presently owned by Evelyn Wills and consisting of the building located thereon and known as the former George Corman Home and the original stone smoke house located in the rear yard of the subject lands.

SCHEDULE 'B'

BY-LAW NO. 3608-92

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
THE GEORGE CORMAN HOUSE
7 PLACID PLACE

The former George Corman House represents a significant part of the history of Stoney Creek and provides insight into one of the early families of the area.

Built in 1810, the Corman House, with its Vernacular Neoclassical style is represented in the classical elements such as the columns supporting the portico, the multi-paned entrance sidelights and the door surround with its thin pilasters and shelf-like projecting cornice. The house is one and a half storeys with a low sloped gabled roof and centre gable over the main door. The windows are single two over two sash type windows with shutters. A large chimney dominates the east elevation.

John George Corman was brought to Maryland in 1740 as a blacksmith's apprentice. He was later sold as an indentured servant to the grandfather of President William H. Harrison. He eventually married the aunt of the future president of the United States. During the American Revolution, John Corman moved to Kentucky but was burned out. His son Isaac was born in 1778.

The Cormans arrived in Upper Canada in 1793 settling in Stoney Creek on a 200 acre land grant as United Empire Loyalists (Lots 21 and 22, Concession 3, Saltfleet Township). Isaac Corman married the sister of Billy Green.

At first, the Cormans built a log cabin near the base of the Escarpment. In 1810 a 30 by 50 foot storey and a half frame house was built on a stone foundation over two feet thick.

In 1813 Isaac Corman was taken prisoner by the invading U.S. troops. He gained knowledge of the U.S. password since he was related to U.S. General W. H. Harrison. He gave the password to Billy Green who later the same night led the British troops to attack the Americans at the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Several members of the Corman family have been involved in politics. William Edward Corman served as Reeve of Saltfleet Township. Burton Corman served on Saltfleet Council. Ellis Corman was a Member of the Federal Parliament.

Important to the preservation of the Corman House are the original windows and the stone foundation, the pine floors, the original staircase, the hand hewn beams and joists on the interior, as well as the stone smoke house.

Also important to the preservation of the house is the original stone smoke house located in the rear yard of the property.