THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STONEY CREEK

BY-LAW NO 4150-95

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 1317 HIGHWAY NO. 8 BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1980, authorized 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 Pettit House "Evanleigh", 1317 Highway No. 8, Part Lot 2, Plan 1003, City of Stoney Creek, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has causes 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 Pettit House "Evanleigh", 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 property 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 31st day of, January 1995.

CLERK

MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

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DESCRIPTION OF LANDS
PETTIT HOUSE "EVANLEIGH"
1317 HIGHWAY NO. 8

Those lands being composed of Part Lot 2, Plan 1003, in the City of Stoney Creek;

And known municipally as 1317 Highway No. 8.

SCHEDULE "B"

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
PETTIT HOUSE "EVANLEIGH"
1317 HIGHWAY NO. 8

This brick structure exhibits a fine example of the Queen Anne Architectural style which was popular in Ontario in the late 1800's.

The Pettit family has been connected with the history of Saltfleet Township at least as early as 1796 when Nathaniel Pettit was granted land in the township. The Pettits were part of the first group of United Empire Loyalists to come to this area having arrived at The Forty, now called Grimsby, from New Jersey circa 1787. On October 12, 1796 several family members petitioned Governor John Graves Simcoe and were granted Loyalist status having proved their loyalty to Britain during the American Revolution.

Charles Pettit, who had married Mary Smith, took up residence in Saltfleet about 1787 and was granted several hundred acres of land in Saltfleet in 1798. He was appointed Commissioner of Roads at a Land Board meeting held on March 31, 1790. He was involved with the building of St. Andrew's Episcopal (Anglican) Church in Grimsby, allowing his home to be used for a communion service in 1803.

His son, John Charles, also settled in Saltfleet about the same time and gave the land upon which St. John's Anglican Church in Winona is built. A plaque to this memory is located in the church.

A number of other family members have resided in Saltfleet including Catherine Gage Pettit, a daughter of Charles and Mary Pettit. A part of her wedding trousseau is found in the collections of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto including a Jacquard quilt loomed in the early 1800's with *"Catherine Gage Pettit, 1853"* woven in the corner and another quilt with the embroidered date *"1860-1865"*.

The Pettit family is connected with many of the early pioneer families of the former Saltfleet Township. The names of several Pettit family members are also found in the War of 1812 muster records, having served in that conflict.

The original brick one and one-half storey house was built in the Gothic style in 1856. The main part of the present structure consists of the two-storey addition built to the east of the original house in 1898. A further one-storey addition erected to the north side in the 1960's has no particular architectural merit.

The main structure presents a pleasing harmonious exterior with an elaborately detailed two-tiered porch which exhibits wood turned posts and decorative fretwork supporting the spindle frieze.

The large variety of different decorative elements commonly displayed in buildings of this architectural style are demonstrated in this structure. The two different semi-circular arches over the windows on the south facade, the semi-circular window on the east facade and the chimney on the east facade, which is embellished with patterned brickwork, are typical examples.

The south facade is anchored by the projecting, three- sided, two- storey bay typical of the Queen Anne style. The bay is accented by an intricately patterned gable which is supported on each side by delicately cut-out wood brackets.

Important to the preservation of the Pettit House are the exterior brick of the original facade, the windows and the original foundations and chimneys.

Also important to the preservation are the gable and wood brackets, as well as the two-tiered veranda, including the soffit, fascia, posts, wood brackets and spindles.