Bill No. B-5

The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 83-182

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "THE PARSONAGE"
LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 1073 WEST 5th STREET

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law, in accordance with subsection 3 of section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the Clerk of the City of Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause (a) of subsection 6 of section 29 of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The property known as "The Parsonage", located at Municipal No. 1073 West 5th Street, and more particularly described in schedule "A" hereto annexed is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in schedule "B", to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,

(i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation to be served on the owners and The Ontario Heritage Foundation by personal service or by registered mail;

(ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton, for three consecutive weeks.

PASSED this 29th day of June A.D. 1983.

City Clerk

Mayor

(1982) 23 R.P.R.C. 3, September 28
Approved, Parks and Recreation Committee,
June 16, 1983

SCHEDULE "A"

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THE PARSONAGE

1073 West 5th Street, Hamilton, Ontario

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Hamilton, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, formerly in the Township of Barton, in the County of Wentworth, and being composed of Part of Lot Number 15, in the Eighth Concession of the said Township, described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the east side of the given road laid out between Lots 15 and 16 in the said Township, South of the Brow of the Mountain and at the distance of 549.12 feet (8 chains, 32 links) from the point of intersection between the east side of said given road and the south side of the concession road in front of said Eighth Concession on a course of South 18 degrees west;

THENCE on same course along the east side of said given road 894.96 feet (13 chains, 56 links) to a stake;

THENCE South 72 degrees East 487.08 feet (7 chains, 38 links);

THENCE North 18 degrees East 894.96 feet (13 chains, 56 links);

THENCE North 72 degrees West 487.08 feet (7 chains, 38 links) more or less to the place of beginning, containing by admeasurement 10 acres be the same more or less.

6.29.83

SCHEDULE "B"

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE PARSONAGE

1073 West 5th Street, Hamilton, Ontario

The stone dwelling at 1073 West Fifth Street, Hamilton, was built in Barton Township in 1858 as a parsonage for The Reverend George A. Bull, the newly appointed rector to both St. Peter's Anglican Curch, Barton, and to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Glanford. Architect for the house was William Farmer, a brother-in-law of Mr. Bull.

Located far back from the mountain's edge on a country site convenient to both parish churches, the parsonage was distinguished architecturally for its use of limestone construction, particularly since this local stone was to become a rare commodity by the 1860's.

Consistent with this period of architecture, the house exhibits a certain dignity and simplicity of character, achieved by the use of well-balanced proportions, a pleasant scale and restrained decoration. In addition, the spacious treed lot provides an attractive setting for the two-storey, hipped-roof structure, the plantings possibly dating from Mr. Bull's era. Formerly, a front verandah enhanced even more this successful relationship between house and site.

Historically, the parsonage is significant for its direct connection with St. Peter's Anglican Church, Barton, an important landmark in the architectural development in Upper Canada, built in 1852-53 and demolished in 1922. This country church was designed by the internationally known leader of the Gothic Revival style, Frank Wills, and represented one of the earliest examples of the bell-cote parish church in the province. The parsonage's first occupant, The Reverend George A. Bull, was a well-known figure in Victorian Hamilton, not only as a dedicated leader and canon in the anglican church, but also as a superintendant of schools for 30 years and founder of the Ontario Historical Society. His brother-in-law, William Farmer, designer of the parsonage, became a successful architect and engineer in charge of numerous gas works projects throughout the U.S.

In summary, the parsonage at 1073 West Fifth Street is of considerable importance to the City of Hamilton, both architecturally, as a pre-confederation residence of limestone construction and, historically, for its close connections with The Rev. George A. Bull, William Farmer, and St. Peter's Anglican Church, Barton. Of special significance is the west front facade, and north and south side facades.