The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 86- 177

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 252 JAMES STREET NORTH

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 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

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

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

1. The property located at Municipal No. 252 James Street North 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 owner 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 13th day of MAY A.D. 1986.

City Clerk Mayor

(1986) 4 R.P.D.C. 19,20, February 11

SCHEDULE "A"

To

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252 James Street North

Hamilton, Ontario

FIRSTLY 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, in the Province of Ontario and being composed of all of Lots 18, 19 and 20 on the East side of James Street North, between Robert and Barton Streets, (as confirmed by Plan B.A. 776, registered on January 13, 1976), James Hughson Survey;

AND SECONDLY being composed of all of Lots 18, 19 and 20 on the West side of Hughson Street North, between Robert and Barton Streets, James Hughson Survey.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

252 James Street North

Hamilton, Ontario

Christ's Church Cathedral

Christ's Church Cathedral, located on James Street North, has served as the cathedral church for the Anglican Diocese of Niagara since 1875 and is considered an important ecclesiastical centre for the Niagara Peninsula.

Built on the site of the first Anglican church in Hamilton (1835), the present cathedral was begun in 1852 with the construction of the east end of the church as designed by William Thomas. The building was brought to completion in 1873-75 when the front facade and west end of the nave were erected under the supervision of architects Langley, Langley & Burke. Subsequently, the only major change to the structure was the rebuilding of the chancel in 1924 where architect W. P. Whitton incorporated the original East Window in the new design.

The Cathedral is a prominent landmark in the city, notable for its 19th century Gothic Revival Style of architecture, stone construction, scale, and quality of design. Set back from the street, the church has an imposing presence on James Street North, and as such, is a major focal point in one of the city's most significant heritage streetscapes. The interior, with its high central nave and elaborate chancel, well illustrates the gothic essence of strong verticality and decorative detailing.

In 1985, the church was awarded a provincial historical plaque in honour of its 150 year history by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Of significance to the conservation of Christ's Church Cathedral are:

(1) The original elements of all four exterior facades, including but not limited to the stone walls and buttresses, tracery windows, doors, chimneys and such decorative features as pinnacles and mouldings.

(2) The original architectural features of the interior of the nave, including chancel and side aisles; namely, the ceilings, piers, walls, pointed arches, tracery windows, stained and painted glass and decorative mouldings.

(3) The wrought iron fence across the front of the property.

Christ's Church Cathedral Schoolhouse

Located on the north side of Christ's Church Cathedral, the schoolhouse was designed in 1870 by the Hamilton architect William Leith and completed before the Gothic Revival Cathedral was built next door in 1875. The original schoolhouse was articulated by pointed-arched windows and doorway, which were removed by a later enlargement of the building.

Linked together by a recent addition, the schoolhouse is an important part of the church complex, forming the north side of the open forecourt and relating harmoniously to the Cathedral in style, scale and stone construction. In the context of James Street North, the schoolhouse with its characteristic belfry adds considerable architectural interest to this Victorian commercial streetscape, one of the most significant examples of its type in Hamilton.

Of significance to the conservation of Christ's Church Schoolhouse are: the original architectural features of the front (east) and side facades, including but not limited to the stone walls and belfry.