Bill No. C-27

The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 94- 094

To Designate:

GARTSHORE-THOMSON BUILDING, PIER 4 PARK

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation 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. 1990, Chapter O.18;

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(6)(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 Pier 4 Park and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, 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" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, 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 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 31st day of May A.D. 1994

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

(1994) 3 R.P.D.C. 3, February 22

Schedule "A"

To

By-law No. 94-*094*

Gartshore-Thomson Building, Pier 4 Park

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 39, Registered Plan 127, and part of the lands formerly under water in front of Block 39, Registered Plan 127, designated as Part 2, on Plan 62R-12991.

City of Hamilton

Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth

Schedule "B"

to

By-law No. 94-*094*

Gartshore-Thomson Building

Pier 4 Park, Hamilton

Context

Donated to the City by the Fracassi family and moved to its present location in 1992, the Gartshore-Thomson building is now a focal point of the new Pier 4 Park at the foot of Bay Street North, just west of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. This one-storey late Victorian brick building presently serves as a multi-purpose waterfront park facility. Occupying a prominent hillside site, it commands a panoramic view of Hamilton Harbour; and fitting comfortably into its new park setting, the Gartshore-Thomson building also relates well to the 19th century residential streetscape above to the south, dominated by the 1869 Sail Loft.

Built around the turn-of-the-century as offices for the *Gartshore-Thomson Pipe and Foundry Co. Ltd.*, the building originally stood at the south-west corner of the company property, diagonally facing the intersection of Stuart and Caroline Street.

History

In the early part of this century, the Gartshore-Thomson Pipe and Foundry Co. was not only one of Hamilton's leading industries; it was also the largest pipe manufacturer in the country, recognized nationwide for its high-quality cast-iron water and gas pipes. Established in 1870 by Alexander Gartshore (whose father established the Gartshore Foundry in Dundas, which manufactured the machinery for the 1860 Pumphouse) and Thomas Cowie as the *Canada Iron Foundry and Pipe Works*, the firm first manufactured cast-iron pipes and general iron castings. Incorporated in 1896 as the *Gartshore-Thomson Pipe and Foundry Company Ltd.*, the firm was by then specializing in the manufacture of pipe for water mains and gas distribution, and was soon supplying the country's major waterworks systems with water mains and other castings. In 1933, it was claimed to be the only manufacturer of "Sand-Spun" cast-iron pipe, a technically superior pipe formed centrifugally in sand-lined moulds.

Bought out in the 1940s by *Canada Iron Foundries Ltd.* (later *Canron Ltd.*) and operated as a foundry until the mid-1980s, the property was last owned by *Philip Environmental Inc.*, which used the small corner building as an engineering office.

Architecture

This modest brick structure is representative of a building type associated with late 19th century industry -- the small, separate office building modelled on a house form -- and is one of few surviving examples of its type in Hamilton. The residential scale and character of the Gartshore-Thomson building derives from its prototype: the one-storey hip-roofed Ontario cottage; while the detailing is predominantly Classical Revival (e.g. the simulated corner quoins, pedimented gable, bracketed eaves underscored by a continuous dentil course, and the carved keystone and egg-and-dart pilaster mouldings). The tall, round-arched doorway features a semi-circular brick and stone arch sprung from brick pilasters, a solid panelled wood door with sidelights and a segmental transom; above is a distinctive arched wood panel carved with a

brick pilasters, a solid panelled wood door with sidelights and a segmental transom; above is a distinctive arched wood panel carved with a maple leaf pattern. The new set of wide curved stairs rising from the pedestrian walkway to a generous landing in front of the main entrance complements the symmetry and detailing of the facade.

The original character of the interior has been well preserved in the central space and adjacent offices on the west side of the building. The central room displays a decorative beamed wood ceiling, with panels of diagonal tongue-and-groove boards, moulded beams and cove, and a dentil course below the frieze.

Designated Features

Important to the preservation of the Gartshore-Thomson building are
- the original features of all four facades, including the brick masonry, brick arches, stone lintels, decorative wood and stone elements, panelled wood doors and large single-pane sash windows, but excluding the new doorway on the east facade and the painted steel roofing;
- and the original interior features of the central room and two offices, including the doorways (with moulded wood frames, panelled and glazed wood doors, and transom lights), wood wainscoting and beamed ceiling, as well as all original window mouldings.

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IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario Heritage Act.

AND IN THE MATTER OF Lands and Premises in the City of Hamilton, Known as Gartshore-Thomson Building, Pier 4 Park

I, Joseph J. Schatz

of the City of Hamilton in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

1. That I am the City Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton and, as such have knowledge of the matters herein deposed to.

2. That on June 28, July 5 and 12, 1994, I found that the Notice of Passing of By-law Number 94-094, a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked Exhibit "A", was duly published in The Hamilton Spectator, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Hamilton.

3. That By-law Number 94-094, a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked Exhibit "B", was sent by registered mail on 24th day, June, 1994 to the following:

   (i) The Ontario Heritage Foundation
   10 Adelaide Street East
   TORONTO, ON M5C 1J3

AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act."

DECLARED before me at the City)
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of Hamilton)
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in the Regional Municipality)
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of Hamilton-Wentworth)
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this 13th day of July)
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A.D. 1994.)
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A Commissioner, etc.)

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ELDOREEN CARMEL MASON, a Commissioner, etc.,
Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, for
The Corporation of the City of Hamilton.
Expires November 10, 1995.