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T O W N O F N I A G A R A - O N - T H E - L A K E  
BY-LAW NO. 1355-83

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN  
MUNICIPALLY AS THE CLEMENT HOUSE,  
FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE,  
AS BEING OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE  
AND INTEREST

WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as The Clement House at Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real 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 the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

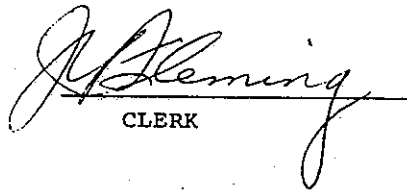
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value and interest the real property known as The Clement House at Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" 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.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 1983.  
READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 1983.

  
CLERK

  
LORD MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" to

BY-LAW NO. 1355-83

The Clement House  
Four Mile Creek Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, (formerly in the Township of Niagara, in the County of Lincoln) and Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lots 78 and 79 and Part of the road allowance between Lots 79 and 106 and between Lots 78 and 107, in said former Township of Niagara and being designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 30R-751 deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara North.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 1355-83

The Clement House, circa 1805  
Four Mile Creek Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

The house is a handsome two-storey structure with five bays and a front centre entrance. A medium pitched gable roof with end chimneys is over a rectangular plan with a rear kitchen two-storey wing with end chimney. The gable details include eaves returns, frieze and an applied semi-circular fan ornament at centre. The entrance doorcase exhibits an eight-panel wooden door with five-pane sidelights and cornice. This is a very good example of an early wilderness Georgian house which was updated in the 1830's with Neo-classic exterior details (i.e. eaves returns, semi-circular fans, front doors, cornice, semi-elliptical transom panel).

The house was originally built by James Clement (1764-1813) who was an ensign with Butler's Rangers and an officer with the Lincoln militia. James Clement died March 3, 1813 as the result of an injury he received to his hand while on service in the War of 1812. His wife, Catherine Crysler, died four months later giving birth to their tenth child.

James Clement was the youngest of the three Clement brothers who were prominent throughout the early settlement of the St. Davids area. Following the death of James Clement in March 1813, the house was occupied by Joseph Clement, James' eldest son. Joseph was a very prominent member of the Niagara establishment and named after his uncle. Both Joseph Clements became Lieutenant Colonels of the Lines. Thereafter, the house was lived in by a succession of Clements and Uppers.

The James Clement House is significant in terms of its historical association with its builder and first owner, James Clement, who was an important local personage. The building remains on its original site on the bank of Four Mile Creek and exhibits very good proportions for a five-bay Georgian dwelling. Unique features of the house, and of architectural interest, are all the interior doors and trim which have survived intact with some original 18th century hardware including brass thumb latches and h-L hinges on two plank doors. The Clement home has a very unusual and possibly unique wainscot stairway and a boxhall floor plan.

This dwelling, one of the earliest houses in the Niagara Peninsula, is designated for historic and architectural reasons. Designated parts include the exterior envelope with attendant original detail and original interior details such as doors, hardware and wainscot stairwell.