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C O R P O R A T I O N
OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
BY-LAW NO. 1659-86

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY
AS WILLOWBANK, 96 NIAGARA PARKWAY, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE,
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC 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 owners of the
lands and premises known as Willowbank, 96 Niagara Parkway,
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 architectural and historic
value and interest the real property known as Willowbank,
96 Niagara Parkway, 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 owners 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 26th DAY OF May, 1986.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 26th DAY OF May, 1986.



CLERK



LORD MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 1659-86

WILLOWBANK, 96 NIAGARA PARKWAY

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

ALL AND SINGULAR those lands and premises located in the following municipality, namely, 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 being composed of that part of Lot Number 137 according to a plan of the Village of Queenston registered in the Registry Office for the Niagara North (formerly County of Lincoln) as Corporation Plan No. 1 which said parcel is more particularly described as follows:

- (4) COMMENCING at a point of intersection of the Eastern limit of Niagara River Parkway with the Northerly limit of the Dee Road as marked by an iron bar being the Southwest angle of said Lot Number 137;
- (1) THENCE North 62 degrees and 52 minutes West along the Easterly limit of the Niagara River Parkway 127.4 feet to an iron bar;
- (2) THENCE Northerly and on a curve to the right having a radius of 253.6 feet, 274.1 feet more or less to the point of intersection of the said Easterly limit of the Niagara River Parkway with the Southerly limit of Lot Number 138 according to said plan;
- (3) THENCE North 67 degrees 17 minutes East 160 feet to a point;
- (4) THENCE North 67 degrees 17 minutes East 81.6 feet to a point;
- (5) THENCE North 18 degrees 32 minutes East 24.5 feet to a point;
- (6) THENCE North 22 degrees 38 minutes West 40 feet to a point;
- (7) THENCE North 53 degrees 38 minutes West 17 feet to a point;
- (8) THENCE South 71 degrees 1 minute West 82 feet to a point;
- (9) THENCE North 64 degrees 4 minutes West 44 feet to a point;
- (10) THENCE North 60 degrees 34 minutes East 250.6 feet to a point;
- (11) THENCE North 69 degrees 50 minutes East along the Northerly limit of said lot 295.8 feet to an angle point in the said Northerly limit;
- (12) THENCE South 70 degrees 46 minutes east in the Northerly limit of said Lot 177.9 feet to an angle point in the Northerly limit of said lot;
- (13) THENCE North 63 degrees 23 minutes East following the Northerly limit of said lot 65.5 feet to an angle point in the Northerly limit of said lot, said angle point being in the Westerly boundary of the lands described in Deed to Cyrus J. Hamilton registered as Number 4370;
- (14) THENCE South 10 degrees 48 minutes East following a line of fence posts marking the Westerly boundary of the lands in said Deed Number 4370, 58 feet to the southwesterly angle of the lands described in said Deed;
- (15) THENCE South 70 degrees 1 minute East 118.1 feet to the Southwesterly angle of Lot 140 according to said corporation plan of the Village of Queenston;
- (16) THENCE South 72 degrees 30 minutes east along the Southerly limit of said Lot Number 140, 125.8 feet to an angle point in the southerly limit of said Lot Number 140;
- (17) THENCE North 69 degrees 24 minutes East continuing along the southerly limit of said Lot Number 140 to the westerly limit of Queen Street;
- (18) THENCE Southerly along the westerly limit of Queen Street 242 feet more or less to the southeast angle of the said Lot Number 137;
- (19) THENCE Westerly following the Southerly boundary of said Lot Number 137 and the northerly limit of Dee Road 963.6 feet to the place of beginning; being the whole of the said Lot Number 137 excepting thereout and therefrom the lands described in said Deed registered as Number 4370 for the Township of Niagara.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW NO. 1659-86

Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation

Willowbank, c.1834
96 Niagara Parkway
Lot 137, Corporation Plan No. 1, formerly
in the Township of Niagara, now in the
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This is a Classic Revival house, regarded as one of the finest remaining examples of colonial architecture on the continent. Built in the style of the Ionic Order, this fine stone building is characterized by: rare pillared porticos running the full height of two storeys, narrow processional steps leading to the front door which faces east; the front door itself is considered to be a masterpiece of Grecian design suited to domestic use; and a small balcony over the front door. Willowbank's high basement, a full storey, contained the kitchen and service rooms is also noteworthy. A significant feature of the grounds is the existing stone wall and gates abutting Queen Street and the carriage path leading to the house from the Queen Street gate.

The property is historically significant as the residence of Alexander Hamilton, a former sheriff of Niagara and son of Robert Hamilton, a merchant, shipbuilder and large landholder in the Queenston area. At one time, the grounds housed a post office where mail from the United States destined for Upper Canada arrived and was sorted.

This designation is to include the exterior facade of the house, the existing stone wall, and the carriage path and gate entrance abutting Queen Street.