

**THE CORPORATION
OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**

BY-LAW NO. 4175-07

(177 Victoria Street)
Roll No. 2627 010 004 14400

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE WILSON-GUY HOUSE, 177 VICTORIA STREET, IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

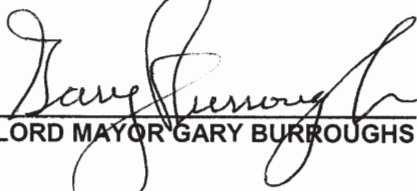
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the Wilson-Guy House at 177 Victoria Street, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;


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 cultural heritage value or interest the real property known as the Wilson-Guy House at 177 Victoria Street in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached 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' attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause 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 a newspaper having general circulation.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED ON THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.


LORD MAYOR GARY BURROUGHS


TOWN CLERK HOLLY DOWD

SCHEDULE "A"
DESIGNATION BY-LAW 177 VICTORIA STREET

Part Lots 41, 41, 55 and 56, Township Plan 86 Niagara being Part 3, 30R-7609; Niagara-on-the-Lake

PIN 46397-0093 (LT)

SCHEDULE 'B'

Description of Property

The Wilson-Guy House is a 1 ½ storey, 5 bay timber frame building with a clapboard exterior. The property is located on the west side of Victoria Street between Prideaux and Queen Streets (Part Lots 41, 42, 55, & 56, Plan 86) in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Wilson-Guy House's cultural heritage value consists, in part, in its early post War construction date and its vernacular Neo-classical Loyalist style. The house was constructed c.1816 by John Wilson, years before Victoria Street was even named. Wilson was a successful farmer and merchant and owner of the Exchange Hotel, which was the site of the founding of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The structure is shown on the 1817 Wilson Plan and also on the 1821 Shaw plan of the town. A smaller square building, in approximately the same location, is shown on the 1810 plan by Andrew Gay.

The house exhibits many original features from this early period including the original internal symmetrical centre hall arrangement, timber frame construction, staircase, balustrade and newel post and some finely scaled trim, including baseboards, chair rails and door cases, that dates stylistically from the immediate post war years,

The Wilson-Guy House's cultural heritage value includes its association with John Wilson, a merchant who owned the Exchange Hotel, which was the site of the founding of the Law Society of Upper Canada; Reverend John Alexander, Minister of the Free Kirk; Dr. Hedley Anderson, distinguished physician; and James Whittaker, a carpenter who opened an undertaking business in the house. The door on the south side of the house, which was used to take bodies in and out of the funeral home, may have been installed during his tenure.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior and structural attributes include:

- The timber frame
- The restored clapboard with moderate exposure
- The original 12 over 12 and 12 over 8 sash and sash pattern
- The front door case, including the transom sash

Key interior attributes include:

- The original centre hall plan
- The open staircase and balustrade
- Pine plank floors
- Original interior trim including original doors, baseboards, and chair rails

