

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

BY-LAW NO. 4905-16

(129 Victoria Street, Roll No. 2627 010 004 13600 0000)

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALY AS,
THE WALKERBY-GEORGE HOUSE, 129 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 Walkerby-George House, 129 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 Walkerby-George House, 129 Victoria Street in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario, 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.
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 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.



LORD MAYOR PAT DARTE



TOWN CLERK HOLLY DOWD

SCHEDULE 'A'

PIN: 46397-0025 (LT)

Legal Description: Part Lots 9-10, 23-24 TP PL 86 Designated as Part 4,
30R-4410 Niagara; NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

SCHEDULE 'B'**129 Victoria St., Walkerby-George House****Description of Property**

The subject property contains a two-storey Gothic Revival dwelling that sits on a large lot on Victoria Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Statement of Cultural Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of 129 Victoria Street lies in its being a rare example of a Gothic Revival house in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Although Gothic Revival homes were common throughout rural Ontario, they were less common in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Many original elements have been preserved and the main house still features a three bay façade, centre-hall pattern, gabled roof, and a decorative small steeple, lacey treillage or "ginger-bread" trim. Joseph Walkerby or Edward H. Thompson likely constructed the dwelling in the 1860s or early 1870s.

With the exception of the addition of modern heating, and turning a bedroom into a bathroom, the past owners of 129 Victoria Street have maintained the spirit of this early Victorian house inside as well. Many original interior details remain including floors, trim, doors, windows, the staircase with railings and the centre-hall floorplan. The cultural heritage value of 129 Victoria Street also lies in the large size of the property which is characteristic of estate lots found throughout Old Town and is representative of the ideals of the picturesque concept of the Gothic style. The white picket fence at the front further enhances the property and was once a typical feature of dwellings in the area.

Previous owners of the property include J.B. Roddy, Sarah L. Hudson, B. Roddy, Joseph Walkerby, Victoria Allison, Charles D. Marshall, Virginia McLean, Kate Fuchs, Henry A. Garrett, Abraham Lery, Farbrace Winthrop, Edith Lucy Winthrop, and Charles D. Currie.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of 129 Victoria Street as a rare example of a Gothic Revival house include its:

- Two-over-two arched window sash and window shutters
- High-pitched gable roof
- Lacey treillage (ginger-bread) trim and finials
- Projecting eaves with plain fascia and soffit
- Shaped three light transom and door casing
- Front verandah
- Decorative front door
- Bay window
- Location on large and spacious lot
- White picket fence at the front of the property

Key interior features that embody the heritage value of 129 Victoria Street as a rare example of a Gothic Revival house include its:

- Centre-hall floorplan
- Original floorboards
- 4 panel doors
- Original false fireplace mantel for a woodstove
- Original interior trims, moulding, baseboards, door casings
- Hardware on doors and windows
- Staircase and railings with decorative spindles and button newel post

N.B. The interior of the house has several original details from the Victorian era, which include the small high-ceiled rooms, false fireplace mantle in the dining room and stove pipes that thread throughout the house (for heating). When bathrooms came inside, an upstairs wiring was added above the kitchen. An early clapboard addition can still be found at the back of the house.