

CITY OF ST. THOMAS

BY-LAW NO. 167-94

A by-law to designate 96 Moore Street,
in the City of St. Thomas, as a building
of historic and architectural value.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.
1990, c. 0.18, the Council of a municipality may by by-law
designate a property including buildings and structures
thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to designate the property
at 96 Moore Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, has been duly
published and served, and no notice of objection has been
received to such designation;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF ST. THOMAS, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

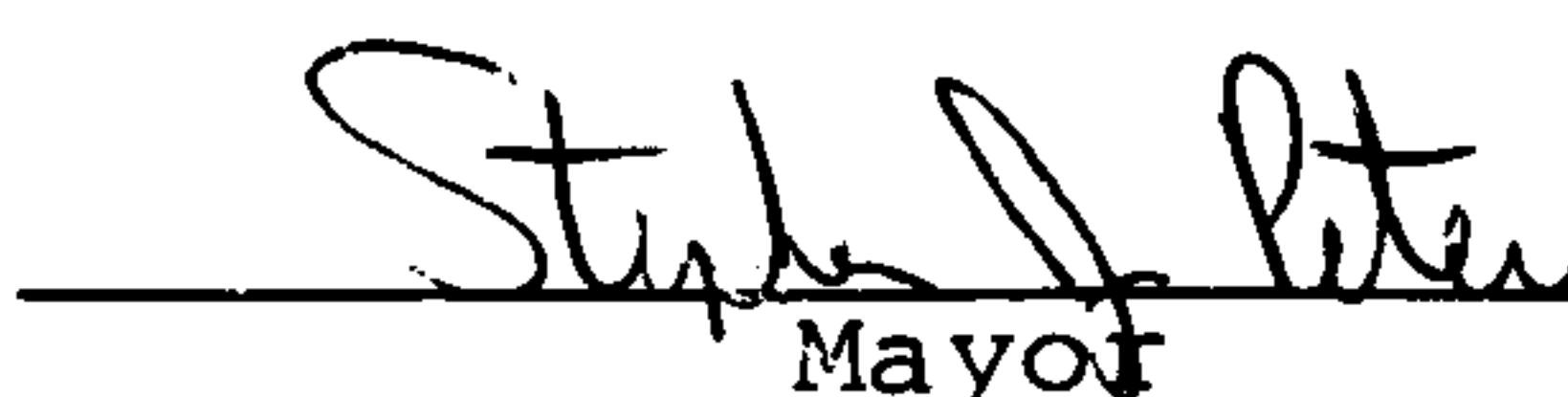
1. There is hereby designated as being of historic and
architectural value or interest the property at 96 Moore
Street, known as Alma College, in the City of St. Thomas,
all of which is described in Schedule "A" attached hereto,
for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy
of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property
described in the aforementioned Schedule "A" in the proper
Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy
of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid
property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to
cause notice of this by-law to be published in the
St. Thomas Times-Journal.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is finally
passed.

READ a First and Second time this 7th day of November,
1994.

READ a Third time and finally passed this 7th day of November,
1994.



City Clerk



Mayor

Schedule "A"

Part of the London and Port Stanley Railway Block, Registered Plan 3, *AND*

All of Lots 69, 70, 71, and 72, Registered Plan 19, *AND*

Part of Lots 68 & 73, and Part of Moore Street, Registered Plan 19, *AND*

Part of Lot 99, Registered Plan 43, *AND*

Part of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Forest Avenue, Registered Plan 122 designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 11R-5757, subject to Easement Instrument 252822;

Part of Lot 73, Registered Plan 19 designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 11R-5757;

Part of Lots 68 and 69, Registered Plan 19 designated as Part 3 on Reference Plan 11R-5757;

Part of Lot 68, Registered Plan 19 designated as Part 4 on Reference Plan 11R-5757;

in the City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin.

Schedule "B"

Main Building, Chapel & McLachlin Hall

Alma College is located in a park setting, fronting on Moore Street. The original building was designed by James Balfour with Henry Lindop, St. Thomas, the builder. The high Victorian gothic exterior of the front facade and the two flanking side facades make this structure unique in the City and the Province. Indeed, it presents a castle-like presence within the City of St. Thomas.

Significant Features

The exterior facade is constructed of yellow clay brick, with the use of quoined corners of sandstone. The building is three and one-half storeys in height, not including the belfry tower or turrets. The use of dripstones and decorative woodwork is evident throughout. The belfry tower contains louvered openings of painted woodwork.

The gabled belfry tower is centred between two turrets. The tower's base contains an early English-styled front entrance. Forming the main entrance are a series of early English-styled columns complete with foliated bases and capitals. Extending above the door in the formation of an arch is a sandstone drip course. In the late 1940's, eight and one-half feet were removed from the tower.

The first floor contains a series of double windows each adorned with a foliated (quatrefoil) circular window above. Each window is surrounded by stone and brickwork in the form of an arch complete with a hood moulding. Between each of the windows a decorative circular sandstone moulding proudly sits.

The second floor contains a variety of windows, including both single and double groupings. Each window is adorned with a foliated circular window above, similar to those on the first floor.

The third floor and partial fourth are set into a mansard-like roof. The windows are set into gables projecting from the roof-line using some finely detailed bracketing, and dentil banding. All windows are grouped into singular, double or triple groupings and are similar to the windows on the lower floors.

The side entrances are placed at the base of finely detailed turrets. With octagonal shaped tower and rod spire atop, the turrets become complete with the use of buttresses at their bases. The doors at the base of the turret are double-swinging entrances with a transom panel above. Within the transom panel is a foliated (quatrefoil) circular window similar to those found on the first floor windows.

Historical Comments

Alma College was chartered in 1877. The cornerstone was laid on May 24th, 1878. The building was designed by James Balfour of Hamilton. Henry Lindop of St. Thomas, was the contractor.

Alma Ladies' College was formally opened in 1881. Reverend B.F. Austin was the first principal. The cost of the building was in excess of \$50,000. The school has educated thousands of girls from all over the world since its inception. The school was known in the beginning as the St. Thomas Ladies' College. It was changed to honour the late wife of Sheriff Colin Munroe, Alma Munroe, and also his daughter, Alma (Munro) Duffield.