

BY-LAW NO. 26 - 89

A by-law to designate the City Hall at 545 Talbot Street, in the City of St. Thomas of historic and architectural value.

WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, 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 so designate the property known as the City Hall at 545 Talbot Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, having been duly published and served, no notice of objection was received to such designation;

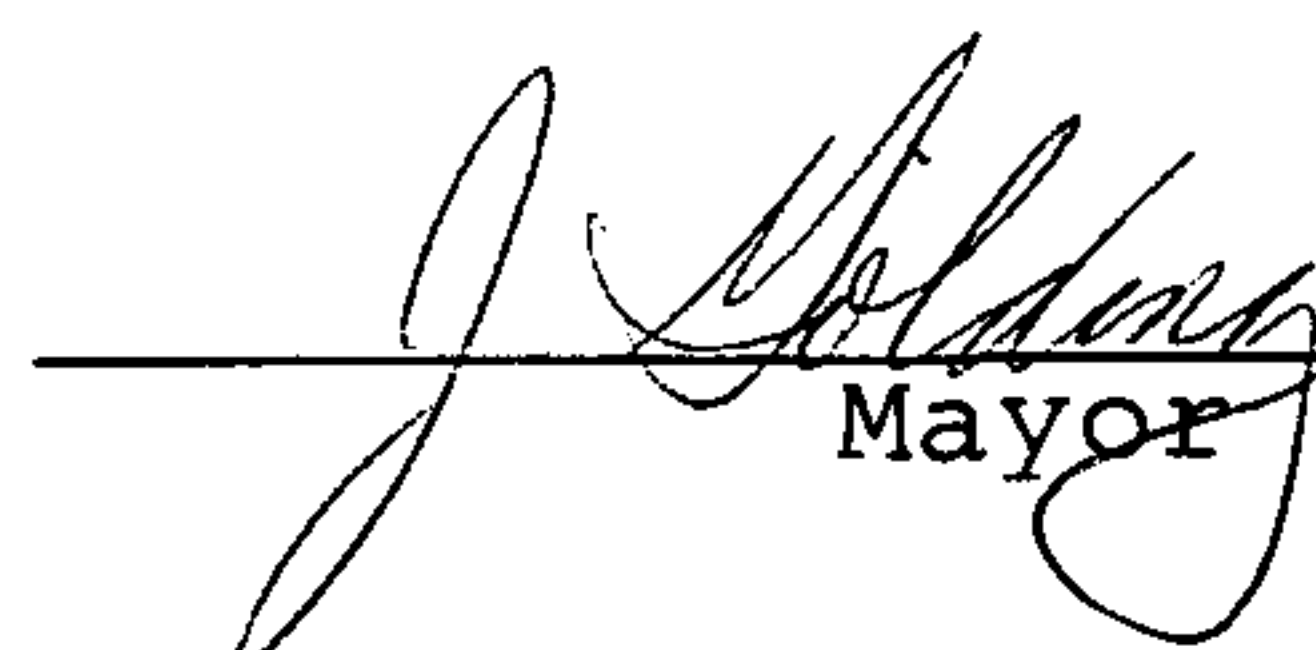
BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as the City Hall at 545 Talbot Street, in the City of St. Thomas, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto 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, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is finally passed.

READ a First and Second time this 20th day of February, 1989.

READ a Third time and Finally passed this 20th day of February, 1989.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 26-89

City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin

Lot 9, Plan 182

Being a redescription of the lands lastly described in Instrument #21166.

**ST. THOMAS CITY HALL**

St. Thomas City Hall, designed 1898-1899 by Neil R. Darrach, is an outstanding example of a city hall designed in the late Richardsonian Romanesque.

**Exterior**

The compact massing of the buff-coloured brick and Ohio sandstone building is effectively broken by the prominent, asymmetrically placed clock tower. Single and clustered windows (both square and round arch headed), wall dormers with side turrets, emphatic string courses, and a boldly articulated modillion cornice in metal further enliven the multiple hipped roofed structure. Sandstone entranceways on both the south and west elevations feature massive arches that open onto recessed double leaf entrance doors. Balconies with pierced balustrades and turrets complete the entranceways. The tower is distinguished by turrets, gables with clock faces, and a polygonal roof. The roofs of both the tower and the main building are covered with dark grey slate.

Carved sandstone decorations, suggesting acanthus leaves and more generalized foliated patterns, are found on both the entranceways and on the main block of the building. The upper string course on the main building is composed of terra-cotta in the egg and dart pattern. Embedded in the tower is a panel in the rustic style that identifies the building and its date of construction. The west side of the north elevation will be excluded from designation.

**Interior**

The first and second floors are distinguished by wide corridors with striking staircases, oak dadoes, eared door surrounds, handsome window trim, and plaster cornices. Multiple paneled doors with glass panels of what is called chipped plate are frequently found. The third floor corridor is distinguished by a stained glass skylight. There have been modifications to some of these elements. Anticipated renovations will respect the original features as much as possible given contemporary requirements.

The original mayor's office on the first floor retains all of its original features (entrance door with surround, baseboard, window trim, and plaster cornice). An additional door has been let into the east wall for functional reasons. Anticipated renovations will respect the original features wherever possible given contemporary requirements.

The original public reading room on the second floor retains most of its original features (door surrounds, baseboard, window trim, plaster cornice, and cast iron column). Anticipated renovations will respect these features as much as possible given contemporary requirements.

The original council chamber (with its gallery) on the second and third floors retains many of its original features (north and east walls of the present council chamber and plaster beamed ceiling with its plaster framed opening for a stained glass skylight). The council chamber will be restored as fully as possible.

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NUMBER **310108**  
**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**  
 89 OCT 26 AM 11:17  
 ELGIN N° 11  
 ST. THOMAS LAND REGISTRAR

(1) Registry  Land Titles  (2) Page 1 of 3 pages

(3) Property Identifier(s) Block Property Additional: See Schedule

(4) Nature of Document  
 BY-LAW

(5) Consideration  
 Dollars \$

(6) Description  
 Lot 8, Plan 182 on South side of Curtis Street and east of George Street, City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin

New Property Identifiers Additional: See Schedule

Executions Additional: See Schedule

(7) This Document Contains: (a) Redescription New Easement Plan/Sketch  (b) Schedule for: Description  Additional Parties  Other

(8) This Document provides as follows:  
 By-law attached.

Continued on Schedule

(9) This Document relates to Instrument number(s)

(10) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)

Name(s)	Signature(s)	Date of Signature		
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CITY CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS	<i>W.K.A. McKay</i>	1989	10	18
by its solicitor, W.K.A. McKay				

(11) Address for Service P.O. Box 520, St. Thomas, Ont. N5P 3V7

(12) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)

Name(s)	Signature(s)	Date of Signature		
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(13) Address for Service

(14) Municipal Address of Property

(15) Document Prepared by:  
 Gunn & Associates  
 Barristers and Solicitors  
 108 Centre Street  
 P.O. Box 459  
 St. Thomas, Ont.  
 N5P 3V5  
 WKAM #56067

Fees and Tax	
Registration Fee	\$2200
<b>Total</b>	\$2200