

CITY OF ST. THOMAS

BY-LAW NO. 62- 89

A by-law to designate the Elgin County Registry Office at 4-8 Wellington 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 Elgin County Registry Office, 4-8 Wellington 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 as Plan 23 Block Court House, known as the Elgin County Registry Office at 4-8 Wellington Street, in the City of St. Thomas, for the reasons set out in Schedule "A" 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 above 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 5th day of June, 1989.

READ a Third time and Finally passed this 5th day of June, 1989.

Original signed by "Peter Leack"
City Clerk

Original signed by "Janet Golding"
Mayor

ELGIN COUNTY REGISTRY OFFICE

The Elgin County Registry Office is a fine example of the registry offices constructed throughout the province during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The present Elgin County Registry Office was built in 1874. The architect is believed to be Kivas Tully, an Irishman by birth, served as senior architect and engineer from 1868 to 1896 with Public Works.

The compact building, asymmetrical and one-storey in height, is constructed of buff-coloured brick. The foundation is of Ohio freestone, resting on St. Mary's limestone. The original 1874 structure was 50 feet in length by 30 feet in width. The additions of 1888 and 1909 are in complete harmony with the original. All windows, whether original or on later additions are round-headed and surmounted by a keystone. The multi-paned sashes and window frames are iron. Scrolled stone brackets decorate the sandstone sills. The chaste brick walls are enlivened by recessed arched or rectangular panels. The cornice is boned with frieze and paired brackets.

The roof is cross-gabled with a medium pitch. The north gable of the original structure is decorated with a sandstone block and inscribed "County Registry 1874". An attractive fan transom and quoins enhance the north entrance.