

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ALMONTE

BY-LAW #6-1992

BEING a By-law to designate the premises known municipally as 268 Country Street, as being of architectural and historical value and interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Foundation Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural value or interest; and

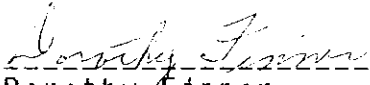
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Almonte has caused to be served on the owner of the building situated on Concession 9, West, Part Lot 14, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 St. George Street, Plan 6262, Town of Almonte and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and have caused such notice of intention to so designate, to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks; and

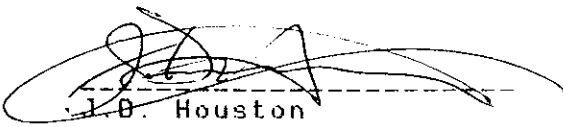
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Almonte enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value and interest, the real property known as 268 Country Street, on Concession 9, West, Part Lot 14, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 St. George Street, Plan 6262 Town of Almonte.
2. The municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described, in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law be served upon the owner of the property and The Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause the passing of this By-law to to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks.
4. That Schedule "A" hereto attached shall form part of this By-law.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th. day of May, 1992.

  
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Dorothy Finner  
Mayor

  
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J.D. Houston  
Clerk Treasurer

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

HISTORY

The house was built in 1916 by Peter McCallum, a local businessman and local politician, serving Almonte as Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee during the 1920's and as Mayor of Almonte from 1931 to 1932 and from 1934 to 1936.

Peter McCallum founded a company in Almonte known as Mack's Laundry Specialty Company in 1908 and which became famous across the country from Halifax to Vancouver for its handmade laundry flakes and bars. They were known simply as "Mack's Non-Rub". The products were especially well known in Western Canada and the supermarket's of the time; Loblaws, the A&P and Dominion stores all had standing orders for their Western stores.

The factory and offices stood on Edward Street on a piece of land that ran between Water and Reserve Streets. The business closed when chemical bleaches and detergents were introduced.

Peter McCallum moved to a smaller house on Country Street in 1937 and died a few months later. The house remained in the McCallum family, occupied by his son, John Duncan McCallum and his wife Madeleine until 1963. The present owners, Mr. Larry Price and his wife Barbara Parypa-Price purchased the property in 1985.

ARCHITECTURE

The house is a good example of the Edwardian Classicism style with smooth walls, hipped roof, with dormers matching the roof pitch and large paned sash windows. It is 2 1/2 storey, square on plan, brick on a stone foundation. The main entrance is via an open verandah, classically inspired with squat squared columns sitting on stone piers. A two storey closed-in porch with partially open second floor verandah exists to the south.

There is a large brick carriage house with loft and basement to the north of the main house executed in a similar style. The boiler was originally located here and supplied heat to the house via an under ground tunnel which still remains. A small brick potting shed with a steeply pitched gable roof is sited just adjacent to the house but the greenhouse was demolished some years ago.

The main house has a truncated hipped roof, clad with asphalt shingles. The upper flat roof is covered with built up felt roofing. There are two dormer windows, one each to the south and west and brick chimney stacks on the north and east elevations. The eaves trim throughout the property is plain metal.

The brickwork to each of the structures on the site is triple wythed laid up in common bond. The foundation wall is built with the local brown limestone, used for the water table course, and which overlays the local grey limestone. The windows and the main central door have brown limestone lintels with a pitched finish, slightly eased to form a shallow arch on their undersides. The window sills have plain lugged sills, again in the brown limestone. The original windows have been replaced over the years with simple one over one double hung sashes. There is a large triple window with an arched brick lintel to the second floor.

#### SITE

Mr. McCallum, who came from Carleton Place and his wife, Jane Moore McNeely of Appleton, acquired the property in 1916 and built on it the same year. Originally a much larger lot, successive sales and grants for other building lots have reduced the property to its current size of approximately 1.1 acres. The house sites well back from the street and contains mature evergreen and deciduous trees.

The house is located towards the north east corner of the lot providing for lawns and garden to the south and west. There is a small pond with fountain and an in-ground pool on the property. On Country Street the boundary consists of an iron fence with stone gate posts and a cedar hedge.