THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

By-law Number (1988)-12731

A by-law to designate The Blacksmith Fountain, in Priory Square, as an item of architectural and historical significance.

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereof, to be of historical or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as Priory Square, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate a fountain on the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said property designation has been served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of historical and architectural value and interest, the Blacksmith Fountain, located in Priory Square, which is more particularly described in Schedule "B" to this by-law.

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against Lot 3, Registered Plan No. 712 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Guelph.

PASSED this 18th day of January , 1988.

MAYOR

CLERK

I hereby certify the above copy to be a true copy of By-law Number (1988)-12731 of the City of Guelph.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF are hereunto set the seal of The Corporation of the City of Guelph and the hand of the City Clerk of the said Corporation this 15th day of March, 1988

City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NUMBER (1988)-12731

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

THE BLACKSMITH FOUNTAIN - PRIORY SQUARE

The Blacksmith has been a unique and handsome public monument since its inauguration on Queen Victoria's birthday, 1885. A symbol of industry, it was presented to the city, as the inscription on the red granite base states, by J. B. Armstrong, a prominent local carriage manufacturer.

The statue of a blacksmith, cast in a metal alloy, stands above an octagonal basin, supported by a rococo cast iron pedestal. The fountain's water issues from the mouths of eight rams' heads that decorate the basin's rim.

The Blacksmith stood in the centre of St. George's Square until 1922 when, to facilitate the passage of streetcars through the Square, it was moved to Priory Square. Its position there overlooks the site where Guelph's founder, John Galt, is said to have felled the first tree.

This beloved landmark, scheduled for restoration at the time of designation in 1988, deserves to stand as long as the Royal City remains. It is understood that some or all of the components may have to be replicated at some time in the future. It is also recognized that the fountain is movable and may, in future, take up other suitable prominent positions in the Central Business District of Guelph.

SCHEDULE "B"

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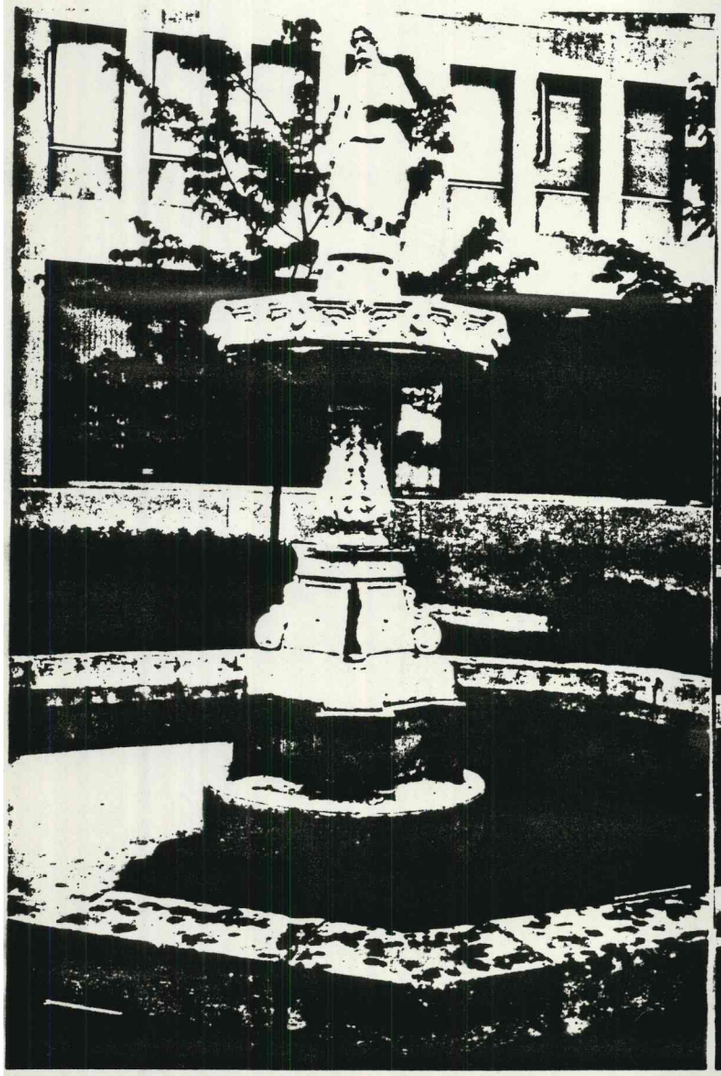
ELEMENTS OF PROPERTY WHICH ARE DESIGNATED BY THE BY-LAW

The designation affects only the following elements of the fountain, as pictured below and in the form and material current at the time the picture was taken in July 1987. It is understood that other materials may be required in repairing these elements, in duplicating them or in reproducing earlier documented features missing in 1987.

A. The metal statue
B. The upper pedestal
C. The cast-iron upper water basin ringed by rams' head water spouts
D. the rococo-style supporting pedestal, apparently of steel with cast-iron embellishments
E. The base of red granite, known to have been shipped from the Bay of Fundy.

The designation does not affect the wide pool enclosure, the surface or landscaping of Priory Park, or the parking garage which is also located on Lot 3 of Registered Plan 712.

Because the fountain has already been moved twice, the Schedule "A" states that it "may, in future, take up other suitable prominent positions in the Central Business District of Guelph."





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Read a first and second time at 9:05 o'clock p.m., January 18, 1988.

Read and passed in Committee at 9:13 o'clock p.m., January 18, 1988.

Read a third time and passed at 9:14 o'clock p.m., January 18, 1988.
