

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2018 - 121

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE CANAL CONSTRUCTION MURAL ON THE NORTH FAÇADE OF THE MUSEUM BUILDING AT 140 KING STREET OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact By-laws to designate property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** property means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon;

**AND WHEREAS** the City Clerk has caused a Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the said Ontario Heritage Act (herein the "Act");

**AND WHEREAS** no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the City Clerk of the City of Welland.

**NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the 'Canal Construction Mural' on the north façade of the museum building municipally known as 140 King Street, in the City of Welland, shall be and the same is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Reasons for Designation are attached hereto as Appendix I and shall for all purposes form a part of this By-law.
3. This heritage designation is solely for the said 'Canal Construction Mural' and for no other purposes, or portions of the real property herein set out.
4. This By-law shall be registered against the property in which the 'Canal Construction Mural' is located and which is described in Appendix II attached hereto, in the Land Registry Office for Niagara South, in accordance with **section 29(6)** of the said Act.
5. The Corporation, being the registered owner of the property, hereby formally accepts service of this By-law under the said Act, and the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in the Tribune, in the City of Welland, in accordance with **section 29(6)** of the Act.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2018.

  
FRANK CAMPION,  
MAYOR

  
TARA STEPHENS,  
CITY CLERK

## Appendix I

### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST CANAL CONSTRUCTION MURAL 140 KING STREET, WELLAND ONTARIO

#### Description of Property

The 27foot x 17foot mural titled "Canal Construction" is affixed to the north wall of the Welland Historical Museum (former Welland Public Library) at 140 King Street, Welland, facing the parking lot off Young Street.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The mural "Canal Construction" depicts the construction of the Welland Canal bypass in the 1970's and expresses the relationship between man and machinery. It is the work of well known local artist Bas Degroot. Degroot created many monumental artworks in the Netherlands and North America, including two large murals in Welland "New World" and "Canal Construction" and the bronze figures of beavers at the Welland Bus Terminal.

This mural was part of the "Festival of Arts", a project started by the "Promote Welland Task Force", a non-profit organization whose mandate was to promote economic growth and prosperity. Based on an idea borrowed from Chemainus, British Columbia, the Festival of Arts saw 26 giant murals created in the downtown and north end of the city between 1988 and 1990. Artists were selected to complete the murals from entries received from across Canada. The themes chosen for the murals were taken from local history.

It was hoped that the murals would bring in hundreds of thousands of visitors to the City and inject millions of dollars into the local economy. Funds for the project were provided by all levels of government, local businesses, industry, organizations and citizens.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of this structure that reflects its cultural heritage value to the City of Welland include:

- The location of the mural on the Welland Museum in the downtown core across from Merritt Park and adjacent to the recreational waterway and Welland Canals Parkway Trail.
- The mural's theme, "construction of the Welland Canal bypass – machinery" relates it to the 200-year history of the Welland Canal which was central to the inception and growth of the City of Welland.
- It's size (27foot x 17foot) and central location make the mural a familiar landmark in the downtown core
- The mural is one of a series of giant murals in the downtown core and contributes to the continuity of the display of Festival of Arts murals in the downtown area, some of which have already been lost

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- The mural is a bold and striking artistic creation that expertly illustrates its theme and has retained most of its original colour and vibrancy
- The mural is the work of an artist, Bas Degroot, who is well known for his work across North America and in Europe

## APPENDIX II

### **Municipal Address**

140 King Street, Welland, Ontario

### **Legal Description**

LT 8 ( E/S CANAL ST NOW KING ST) PL 555 EXCEPT RO741633; PT BLK CC PL 564 AS IN  
CW4985 & AA50587 EXCEPT RO741633; WELLAND  
PIN 64107-0163LT.