



**BY-LAW NUMBER 2-2002  
OF THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

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BEING a by-law to designate the Discovery Centre at the Normal School, 270 Water Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

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WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage 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 and historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has consulted with its Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has caused to be served upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owners of the property known as the Discovery Centre at the Normal School, 270 Water Street, Stratford, notice of its intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused general circulation in the City of Stratford by publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no written notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within the prescribed time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the real property known as the Discovery Centre at the Normal School, 270 Water Street, in the City of Stratford is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest for the reasons described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered in the proper land registry office against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto and as further described in Box 6 of the attached Document General.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the owner of the property and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Stratford Beacon Herald being a paper having a general circulation in the municipality.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 14th day of January, 2002.

  
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Mayor – Karen Haslam

  
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Clerk – Joan L. Thomson

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## **THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW**

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

passed this 14th day of January, 2002.

### **Reasons for the heritage designation of the Discovery Centre, 270 Water Street, Stratford:**

*During a period spanning the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Government of Ontario undertook the construction of several normal schools whose creation was to provide regularized training practices in the education of teachers. Constructed in 1907-1908, the Stratford Normal School (later renamed Stratford Teachers' College) is a structure of considerable architectural and social historic importance, both to the City of Stratford and to the broader Ontario province. The building is one of only four other schools built in Ontario during this period.*

*Located within the grounds of Queen's Park, the School occupies a prominent position in the southwest corner of the park. The school, designed by Provincial Architect Francis Heakes, integrates with the landscape of the park due to consultations with Montreal landscape architect, Frederick G. Todd. As such, protection of the landscape setting is equally as important as the building.*

*The School is an example of an institutional building in the Italian Renaissance style. The three-storey building (plus raised basement) consists of a rectangular plan with a central bay projection and a copper clad dome that dominates the main elevation. Changes have been to the pediment located over the central window immediately below the dome. The original design was arch-topped and not a sloped gable. Future renovations to this area should consider returning it to its original configuration. Remaining elevations contain a regular window pattern with double hung wood windows in two panes (some with four divided lights). Windows are complete with precast sills and lintels. There is a continuous brick parapet on all sides adorned with minimal metal detailing. Three significant areas of architectural character on the exterior have been identified and comprise: 1) the front south façade including the copper dome, masonry column and precast detailing; 2) the front entrance portico including the wood and precast trim; and, 3) the round top stained-glass window on the south staircase.*

*Specific exterior components of the school that are to be designated are the following: the building plan (or footprint); original brickwork; central bay windows; stone window voussoirs with decorative keystones; entranceway and stone portico; iron railing; brick pilasters; stone capitals and columns; copper dome; and stained glass windows. Where ever possible, original windows and window openings should be retained.*

*A number of specific interior components of the school are also significant. It is strongly encouraged that, wherever possible, the following are to be preserved and/or restored: pressed tin ceilings; two main interior staircases; oak and fir trim. Of special note are the auditorium and library that should be carefully considered during any re-design of the school.*

**THIS IS SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW**

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

passed this 14th day of January, 2002.

**the Discovery Centre at the Normal School, 270 Water Street, Stratford**

Part of Lots 46 and 47, Concession 1, formerly in the Township of North Easthope, now in the City of Stratford, designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Reference Plan 44R-2496, subject to a right-of-way.