

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
BY-LAW NO. 3925

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to designate the building located on an unsurveyed portion of Lot 14, Block 53, Plan 1808, known as the "Fireweed Studio" as a Heritage Site of historic and architectural value of interest and worthy of protection as a heritage resource.

PURSUANT TO:

- a) Sections 107, 108 and 109 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, R.S.N.W.T., 1988, c. C-8 and the *Planning Act*, R.S.N.W.T., 1988, c. P-7;
- b) By-law No. 3445, a by-law to provide for the protection of Yellowknife's heritage resources.

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife adopted a Policy for the Preservation and Development of Yellowknife's heritage resources, by resolution on July 27, 1987; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife adopted a General Plan whose policy 3.3.2.1.4 makes reference to supporting heritage efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in a regular session duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

APPLICATION

1. That the real property known as the "Fireweed Studio", more particularly described as a building located on an unsurveyed portion of Lot 14, Block 53, Plan 1808 at the time of adoption of this By-law, is of historic and architectural value and interest, as described in Schedule A hereto, and worthy of protection as a heritage resource and is therefore designated as a heritage site in accordance with By-law No. 3445.
2. Prior to Second and Third Reading of this By-law, a public hearing shall be held in accordance with By-law No. 3445, Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7.
3. Following Third Reading of this By-law, the City Clerk is authorized to add the aforementioned property to the list of sites designated as heritage sites and forming a schedule to By-law No. 3445 in accordance with Section 7 (3) of that By-law.




4. Following Third Reading of this By-law, the Planning and Lands Department of the City is authorized, in accordance with By-law No. 3445, Section 11, to:
- a. register against the aforementioned property in accordance with the forms of the Lands Title Office, a copy of this heritage designation;
 - b. enter on all zoning maps of the City indications of designated heritage sites; and
 - c. serve notice of the enacted by-law on the owner and on the occupant of the property.

EFFECT

5. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 58 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

READ a First Time this 22 day of July, A.D., 1996.


MAYOR



SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ a Second Time this 15 day of October, A.D., 1996.


MAYOR


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READ a Third Time and Finally Passed this 15 day of October, A.D., 1996.


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Schedule A

Name of Site: Fireweed Studio
Build: ca 1935
Location: Lot 14, Block 53
Current Owner: Chamber of Commerce

The City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee has completed an evaluation of the property in question, using criteria reviewed and approved by City Council in February, 1988. This Committee is recommending that the property be designated a heritage site under By-law No. 3445 for the following reasons:

1. The building was built in the 1930's to serve as a blacksmith shop for Brock Mines. The Brock property was taken over by Giant Mines (ca 1938) and the shop was converted to a powder magazine. The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce obtained the building from Giant Mines in 1978. It was moved to its present site, renovated by volunteers, and opened as a Tourist Information Centre. The building served as a tourism information facility from 1978 to 1992, and is currently used as an artist's studio and retail outlet.
2. The building is a fine example of early squared log construction. It is attractive, well kept and adds greatly to the streetscape in its present location. The logs have weathered nicely and the overall appearance of the building provides a nice contrast to the rest of the neighbourhood. Although it is not the only structure of its type remaining in Yellowknife, it is one of the best and most publicity accessible buildings of its style.
3. The building is an important landmark and seems to be perceived as having greater significance than its history would indicate. Many residents consider it a symbol of Yellowknife's early days. It is a pleasant addition to the City Hall grounds, and is relatively safe from both encroachment and vandalism.

