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# TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

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February 9, 1993

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REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Citizenship & Culture Heritage Branch 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Timmerman Store Lot 106, Plan 91 Village of Odessa Our file - 1906

Please be advised Bylaw 93-4, which designates the Timmerman Store as being of historical and architectural significance, was adopted by Council, January 25, 1993 in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Enclosed for your records is a copy of Bylaw 93-4 and a copy of the Notice of Passing of bylaw. This notice and a copy of the bylaw Were served personally on the owner on February 2, 1993. The Notice will be published in the Kingston Whig Standard on February 13, 20 and 27, 1993.

We would advise that inadvertently the Notice of Intention to designate was forwarded on December 23, 1992 to your office and the Owner, by regular mail and not by registered mail as required under Section 67 of the Act.

However, we would point out that the designation was initiated by the owner, (see attached letter dated March 31, 1992) and no objections to the proposed designation were received from any persons.

263 MAIN STREET, BOX 70, ODESSA, ONTARIO KOH 2H0 TELEPHONE (613) 386-7351 FAX (613) 386-3833

We trust that this oversight will not invalidate the proceedings to date.

Yours truly,

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Brenda J.H. Loyst, A.M.C.T. Deputy Clerk

c.c. Mr. M. Beckel Township Planner

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

#### BY-LAW NO. 93-4

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Being a By-law to designate the Timmerman Store in Odessa as an historical property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. C. 0.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a 1990, municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value; and

WHEREAS the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to the Council that the Timmerman Store in Odessa be designated an historical property; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Timmerman Store, 155 Main Street in Odessa and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

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

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Ernestown enacts as follows:

- There is designated as being of architectural and 1) historical value the real property known as the Timmerman Store, 155 Main Street in Odessa, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto. The reasons for this designation are detailed on Schedule 'B' attached hereto.
- The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the 2) property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.
- The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this 3) by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspapers having of circulation in the municipality once for each of general three consecutive weeks.

Read a First and Second Time this 25th day of January 1993.

Read a Third Time, Signed, Sealed and Finally Passed this 

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SCHEDULE 'A'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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155 Main Street, Odessa, Township of Ernestown, County of Lennox & Addington

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#### SCHEDULE 'B'

#### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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The stone building referred to as the Timmerman General Store is historically and architecturally significant for the following reasons:

- 1) It served the community of Odessa as its post office from about 1860 until about 1956.
- 2) The store was built by and operated as the place of business for Parker S. Timmerman, who served as postmaster from July 1841 to 1897. Timmerman is credited with having the name Millcreek changed to Odessa in 1856 to celebrate the British victory at Odessa in the Crimea.
- 3) The building was also the residence of Park and Mary Timmerman and their large family. It represents the traditional way of life in which home and workplace were in effect at the same place, whether in a village or on a farm in the township.

The Timmerman Store can safely be dated to about 1860. At the taking of the 1861 Census, Parker S. Timmerman and family were residing in a stone house of 2 storeys, in which Timmerman also had his business. The property on which the building stands had been deeded to Timmerman by P.D. Booth in October 1860.

4) Architecturally the store is the latest in a sequence of three pre-Confederation stores surviving on the main street of Odessa and telling a story of community growth and changing styles that expressed enterprise. The turn-of-the century appearance of the building is documented by a variety of early photographs, but the building itself retains in 1992 many original features, some of which are described below. The description is not meant to be a full inventory of features that may appropriately be covered by the designation.

The Timmerman General Store was constructed of limestone with its gable-end facade facing north of Odessa's main street. The building is generally square, two storeys in height, with low pitch, crossed gabled roof. A small one storey stone wing projects from the southerly wall of the main block. An original easterly wing remains within more recent additions.

The facade, easterly and westerly walls of uniformly coursed rough-faced blocks contrasting with the smoothfaced quoins at all four corners of the building. Random, broken faced limestone was used in the southerly wall and the walls of the southerly wing. Stamped metal roofs remain on both the main building and on the southerly wing. The main building has overhanging eaves which are decorated with paired brackets, which also trim the verge of the facade.

On all sides of the store original 6-over-6 sash windows have survived. At attic level, the facade has a pair of narrow window openings filled by louvred wooden shutters; two small square single pane windows allow light in on the southerly wall. The wing has French doors on the west providing access to Factory Street. The main building also has a recessed entrance on the west side, at the southerly end. It retains original moulded, panelling on sides and under the sidelights.

## SCHEDULE 'B' (cont'd)

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The most prominent feature of the Timmerman General Store is the intact facade which at street-level retains across its full width the original display windows flanking a central doorway. A small projecting hood projects above a simple frieze decorated with four sets of paired brackets, marking the ends and the doorway width. At left and right of the window are flat pilasters with applied flat moulding trim. The original panels and mouldings of the side walls of the front entrance are visible, although the doorway has been modified to reduce the depths of the original recessed porch of the entrance. Physical evidence remains on the interior for the original arrangement.

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

### NOTICE OF PASSING OF BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown has passed Bylaw Number 93-4 to designate the following properties as being of architectural and historical value under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

> TIMMERMAN STORE Lot 106, Plan 91 Village of Odessa

Reasons for the Designation:

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The structure known as the Timmerman Store has been recommended by the Ernestown Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee to be designated. Areas included in the designation for architectural and historical reasons, include the full exterior of the Parker Timmerman Store and residence, including the earliest parts of its southerly and easterly wings.

This limestone structure, built in the late 1850's, has long been an active part of the Odessa scene. For many years the Odessa Post Office was in the Timmerman Store. The merchant Parker Timmerman served as postmaster from July 1841 to 1897 and is credited with having Odessa so named in 1856. The building is a fine example of a mid-19th century store with a significant amount of original features and evidence for restoration.

DATED at Odessa, Ontario this 13th day of February, 1993.

> M.G. Wade, P. Eng., Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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