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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide St. East
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Re: 220 Bridge Street, Fergus, ON
36 David Street, East, Elora, ON
168 Geddes Street, Elora, ON
Township of Centre Wellington

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington at their meeting held February 8, 2010, passed By-laws 2010-014, 2010-015 and 2010-016, designating the above noted properties, including lands and buildings to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Enclosed herewith are certified true copies of the by-laws, including statements explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Kerri O'Kane, CMO
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

cc Linda Lonsdale, Heritage Centre Wellington

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

BY-LAW 2010-016

Being a By-law to designate 168 Geddes Street,
in the former Village of Elora,
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Committee has recommended that Council designate the property municipally described as 168 Geddes Street, Elora and legally described in Schedule "A" attached hereto (the "Property") to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended, (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS the provisions of Section 29, Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the Act have been complied with and no objection has been received by the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Property is hereby designated as a property of cultural value or interest pursuant to the Act.
2. The reasons for the designation are as follows:

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Design or Physical Value

This is a 3-bay frame home described as a working man's cottage built in the early 1860's. It has a clapboard exterior with an open bottom porch. It has 2/2 sash windows on the side of the door which originally faced Henderson Street.

It has been carefully maintained and remains unaltered except for an addition to the north side and a small one at the back. The exterior material is not original and the front door has been moved to face Geddes Street. It appears to have the original windows in the oldest part of the house.

Historical or Associative Value

In 1857, Alexander (Sandy) Cuthbert went into partnership with George Noble as carriage and wagon manufacturers, Cuthbert being the blacksmith and Noble the carpenter. Their business prospered; and in 1862, they moved from the south side of the river to a new factory on Lot 41 on Geddes Street. It was to the north of both St. John's Church (Lot 42) and the Cuthbert house on Lot 43. Mr. Cuthbert chose this home to be near his workplace, as this was a commonality in the nineteenth century. One of their employees was a young blacksmith, David Boyle, who later became famous as an archaeologist and Curator of the Royal Ontario Museum. Cuthbert rented the house on Lot 43 for a number of years and purchased it in 1875. In 1876, the partnership was dissolved; however, both men prospered independently into the 1880s.

Contextual Value

At the time, Elora's commercial core was confined largely to Mill Street, but the Geddes street location provided convenient access to farmers coming into Elora, and it was close to the market grounds.

Mr. Cuthbert was an early Elora Fire Chief and a member of the 30th Regiment. This property is part of the Allan & Mathieson 1857 "New Survey" and is located within the Heritage Area of the municipality's of Centre Wellington's Official Plan.

Heritage Attributes to be protected:

- Original building, excluding addition to the north and at the rear.
 - Existing windows on the original structure.
 - Mass and scale of the original building.
 - Pitch of roof on original building.
 - Porch (though not original).
 - Vertical pilasters.
3. This By-law shall be registered against the title of the Property.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 8th day of February, 2010


Head of Council – Joanne Ross-Zuj


Deputy Clerk – Kerri O'Kane

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 8th day of February, 2010


Head of Council – Joanne Ross-Zuj


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SCHEDULE "A"

Lot 43, Plan 181, New Survey, Elora, Township of Centre Wellington.

PIN 71410-0031