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The Corporation of the Municipality of  
**Central Elgin**

**BY-LAW 1087**

Being a By-law to Designate a Property known Municipally as 46249 Sparta Line to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, authorizes Council to pass a by-law designating a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS our Municipal Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known municipally as 46249 Sparta Line is of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council believes the property known municipally as 46249 Sparta Line meets one or more of the criteria prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06;

AND WHEREAS Council has given notice of its intention to designate the said property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest as required by section 29 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the designation of the said property was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

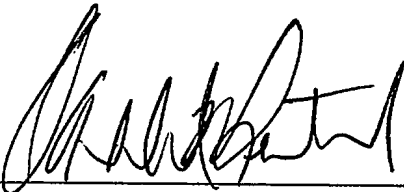
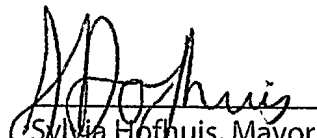
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Property known municipally as 46249 Sparta Line, and more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto, is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value.
2. The statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and description of the heritage attributes of the property are as set out in Schedule B attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized
  - a) to cause a copy of the by-law together with the statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and description of the heritage attributes of the property,

- i. to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office,
- ii to be served on the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust,
- a) and publish a notice of the by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a FIRST and a SECOND TIME this 8th day of September, 2008.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of September, 2008.

  
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Donald N. Leitch, Clerk  
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Sylvia Hofhuis, Mayor

**SCHEDULE A to BY-LAW 1087**

The lands subject to this By-law are described as Part of Lot 21, Concession 3 and Part of Lots 7 and B, South Side of Main Street, Plan 48, more particularly described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 11R-2354, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin.

**SCHEDULE B to BY-LAW 1087****46249 Sparta Line**  
**The Baptist Parsonage**

It is proposed to designate the façade of the dwelling.

**Architectural Qualities**

The Baptist Parsonage was built about 1855. It served as a residence for the ministers of Sparta Baptist Church until the mid-twentieth century. It now serves as a private home.

The Baptist Parsonage is constructed in the Greek Revival Architectural Style (with its returned eaves and pilastered entrance with Doric capitals and entablature). The structure sits on a fieldstone foundation topped by several courses of brick and laid with bottom row headers and stretchers. It is a one and a half storey building, and it has a partial basement and a crawl space (though the basement is not original to the building). The facade is 11 metres long and has a depth of 7 metres. It is made of clapboard and supported by a wooden frame. The clapboard on the corners is corner board to make a nice finish. The structure is roofed by a medium gable. The building has projecting eaves, returned eaves, wooded verges, plain fascia, moulded soffits, and plain frieze. A composite roof replicates the original cedar shingles. There are two chimneys on the building; they are made of brick and are located side left and side right single mass. There is one doorway located in the centre of the facade. The entrance is pilastered with Doric columns and entablature. The door has 1 leaf and a single panel. The windows on the building are two sash, single or double hung with a 6/6 pane arrangement. The building has a wooden platform across the front. It is believed that the basement and the stairs and porch have been altered or added.

**Registry Office Material & Historical Significance**

Several Key figures of the Sparta community owned this property before it was bought by the trustees of the Sparta Baptist Church. Among these are John Mills, James Mills, and Hiram B. Smith.

John Mills was deeded the land from the Honourable James Baby. Baby was a member of the Upper Canada Legislature, and he was given this land through the crown patent of 1799. After the War of 1812 had ended, Jonathan Doan went to Pennsylvania to encourage his friends there to move to the Sparta area. Shortly thereafter, John Mills came to the Sparta area. John Mills later split his land up among his sons, including James Mills. Hiram B. Smith bought this property from William R. Spruce in 1854. Hiram B. Smith was one of the most influential people in early Sparta; Smith owned a store and large home which can be still seen on Sparta Line (Main Street) today. The trustees of the Sparta Baptist Church purchased this property in 1883 and it served as their parsonage until 1956 when it was purchased by Rev. William and Vera Sherman who served as the pastor family for approximately 21 years. The Baptist Parsonage is now owned by [REDACTED].



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**Central Elgin**

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***Notice of Designation of Property pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act***

TAKE NOTICE that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin passed By-law 1087 to designate the property known municipally as **46249 Sparta Line** and legally described as **Part of Lot 21, Concession 3 and Part of Lots 7 and B, South Side of Main Street, Plan 48, more particularly described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 11R-2354, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin** to be a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Donald N. Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk

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