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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

### 88 Main Street East

**TAKE NOTICE** that Grimsby Town Council, on May 26th, 2025, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate PT LT 5, Township Plan 73, as in RO542823 ; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**The Reason** for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative, and contextual value that **88 Main Street East** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The house at 88 Main Street East has direct associations with significant people, activities, and organizations. The Edwardian dwelling was built for James W. Unwin, a farmer and merchant whose diaries are an important resource for understanding life in Grimsby at the start of the 20th century. The property also has associations with his wife Henrietta A.F. Unwin, a lifelong resident who remained actively involved in the life and operation of St. Andrew's church from the 1880s until her death in 1958. The Unwin house was also the home of Lilian M. Fookes, a British Home Child and nurse who lived in and eventually own the house over the course of 61 years.

The 1996 designation of the Immigration of Home Children as a National Historic Event demonstrates the importance of Home Child history to Canadian communities, and 88 Main Street East is a surviving tangible link to this important part of immigration history.

88 Main Street East has the potential to yield information about Grimsby's agricultural success, and the British Home children movement. The house provides insight into the development of wealthy fruit farming operations along Grimsby's Main Street Corridors in the Main Street East area during the early 20th century as well as the early influence of Edwardian residential architecture.

The home of a British Home Child, 88 Main Street East is a tangible connection to Grimsby's Home Child history. It also represents a rare occasion of a home child coming to own the home in which she was indentured.

88 Main Street East does not demonstrate or reflect the works or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to the community.

The Unwin House is a character-defining feature of the Main Street East corridor acting as a surviving example to the 19th- and 20th-century residential architecture and a surviving link to the longstanding fruit farming landscape. The scale, mass and form of the dwelling contributes to the character of the area and is an example of the types of farmhouses that lined the historic corridor during the height of the farming industry. The surviving farmhouse, and its setback from Main Street East supports the areas' cohesive streetscape and variety of 19th- and 20th-century structures.

88 Main Street East further supports the character of the area and is an example of different types of structures being constructed during the 19th & 20th centuries. The wood-framed

vernacular structure provides contrast against the adjacent Victorian brick houses constructed in more formal styles.

88 Main Street East is functionally and historically linked to its surroundings. 88 Main Street East is a strong link to the fruit farming history that operated along the historic Main Street East corridor. The vernacular dwelling was constructed as a farmhouse on an agricultural parcel and is a surviving link to the property's long history as farmland. Fruit farming was instrumental to the success and prosperity of the Town of Grimsby. 88 Main Street East was an active farm during the height of agricultural success within the Town of Grimsby.

### **HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED**

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at **88 Main Street East** include:

- 2-and-a-half storey wood framed Edwardian structure
- Front-facing Gable, with a rear hipped roof and dormer
- 2-storey bay window on the east façade
- Wooden sash windows throughout
- Coloured glass wooden windows
- Arched stained glass window
- Wooden storm windows
- Tapered window headers and wood trim
- Original wooden full-width porch
- Wooden front door
- Stone foundations
- Setback from Main Street East

### **OBJECTIONS**

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Victoria Steele, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J5.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Intermediate Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email [bverrecchia@grimsby.ca](mailto:bverrecchia@grimsby.ca)

**Last date to file Notice of Objection: August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**