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The Corporation of the Town of
New Tecumseth

By-law

Number 2020-098

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“Colgan House Designation By-law”

A by-law to designate the façade and the south exterior wall of the building known as the Colgan House, Concession 5, Part Lot 1, known municipally as 2157 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, as having cultural heritage value and interest

Whereas section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990 c. O. 18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate a real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Colgan House, Concession 5, Part Lot 1, known municipally as 2157 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intent to designate the façade and the south exterior wall of the aforesaid property, and has caused such Notice of Intent to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town;

And Whereas the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes are set out in Schedule “B” to the By-law;

And Whereas no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Town;

And Whereas this By-law is to be registered in the proper Land Registry Office with respect to the façade and the south exterior wall of the property described in Schedule “A” to this By-law;

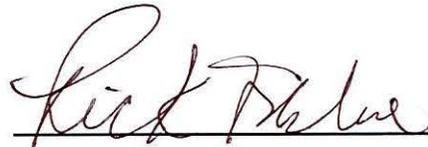
Now Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth does hereby enact as follows:

1. That the façade and the south exterior wall of the property known as the Colgan House, Concession 5, Part Lot 1, known municipally as 2157 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, more particularly described in Schedule “A”, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-law to be served on the owners of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the town.
3. That this By-law shall be cited as “Colgan House Designation By-law”.

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4. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of September, 2020.



Mayor



Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-law 2020-098

Legal Description

TECUMSETH CON 5
PT LOT 1 RP
51R26691; PART 1

All singular those parcels or tracts of land and premises known as
Concession 5, Part Lot 1 and known municipally as 2157 Adjala-Tecumseth
Townline in the Town of New Tecumseth.

Schedule "B" to By-law 2020-098

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Colgan House, located at 2157 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline in the Town of New Tecumseth is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value. It meets the provincial criteria for municipal designation under the categories of associative and contextual value. The property has historical and associative value for its link to the celebrated local poet John C. Colgan (1811-1879) and the Colgan family. Contextually, the Colgan House is a significant element in defining the character of the crossroad hamlet that bears the family's name.

The Colgan family was among a group of Irish Catholic settlers that arrived in the western part of Tecumseth Township in the late 1820s. In 1833 the Colgans were key figures in the establishment of a Catholic parish that eventually gave rise to the ornate St. James Catholic Church at the crossroads across from the Colgan family home. John C. Colgan wrote under the penname Fagan and was known for his poems and limericks that captured the character of 19th century Tecumseth Township's people and places and became a regular feature in local newspapers. A book of Colgan's works was printed in Toronto in 1873, and excerpts of his poems have been reproduced in local history books dating as far back as Hunter's *A History of Simcoe County* (1909). Four months after Colgan's death in 1879 a post office was opened and the name Colgan was selected for the crossroad hamlet. The Colgan House has a clear historical, physical and visual relationship to its surroundings as a nucleus around which the community developed.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The Colgan House's exterior character-defining attributes include:

- South exterior wall which shows evidence of the home's evolution over time
- Setback and viewshed from the road,
- Front façade
- Gently arched windows
- Corbelled chimneys
- Gabled roofline
- Raised brick lozenge and square pattern details at the roof peaks

