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## Office of the Clerk



July 31, 2002  
File No. 310701

**REGISTERED MAIL**

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madame:

**Re: Designation of 1340 Ridge Road, Fort Erie  
Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Regular meeting held July 22, 2002, approved By-law No. 122-2002, being a by-law to designate 1340 Ridge Road under the Ontario Heritage Act. ✓

Pursuant to Section 29(6)(a) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, you are hereby served with a certified copy of By-law No. 122-2002.

Yours very truly,

Susan M. Daniels, A.M.C.T.

Deputy Clerk

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Encl.

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**The Municipal Corporation of the  
Town of Fort Erie**

**BY-LAW NO. 122-2002**

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE LANDS AT 1340 RIDGE ROAD  
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR  
INTEREST (3107)**

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**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to pass a by-law to designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest, and

**WHEREAS** notice of intention to designate as required under Section 29(1) of the aforesaid Act was served on the owner of the property described as Part Lot 2, Concession 10, Niagara River, in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, and designated as Parts 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 59R-2678, located on the east side of Ridge Road, and municipally known as 1340 Ridge Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and

**WHEREAS** notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property was published in The Times, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Fort Erie, on June 15, 22 and 29, 2002, and

**WHEREAS** the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law, and

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

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie hereby enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property described as Part Lot 2, Concession 10, Niagara River, in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie and designated as Parts 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 59R-2678, located on the east side of Ridge Road and municipally known as 1340 Ridge Road be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the aforesaid property as described in Section (1) above in the local Land Registry Office.
3. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby directed to cause a copy of this 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 Times, a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks.

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4. THAT the Clerk is hereby directed to include the designation of the aforesaid property in the Register which is kept by the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie pursuant to Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2002.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK DEPUTY CLERK

DEPUTY Susan M. Daniels

I, the Clerk, ~~Carelyn J. Kett~~, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie hereby certify the foregoing to be a true certified copy of By-law No. 122-2002 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation this 31st day of July, 2002.

  
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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**TO**  
**BY-LAW NO. 122-2002**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

1340 Ridge Road at Bertie Road is the site where the Fenians, led by Colonel John O'Neill, made a stand in 1866, against the poorly equipped local Militia units. The first shots of this brief invasion force into Canada were fired here.

The cottage style two-storey house on the site, built in 1840, is clad in red clay brick. Chimneys at each end vented fireplaces that no longer exist. The house has four pane double hung windows on the main floor and six pane double hung windows at each end of the gables of the second floor. An eight-panel wooden door still graces the front entrance. The interior of the house has been extensively renovated over the years however some of the original floor planking still remains.

**FENIAN RAID**

This house and property were taken over by Colonel John O'Neill and his men who made up the preliminary landing force in 1866. The site was chosen due to its high elevation overlooking the surrounding area making it an easily defendable location. The brick on the house still bears scars from shots fired. To the rear of the house is a restored field stone barn which is believed to have been used as a field hospital for the wounded during the brief skirmish that took place in the area.

If the U.S. government of the time had allowed the Fenian reinforcements to leave American soil, land in Fort Erie and join up with the Fenian troops already at this site and proceed to carry out their entire plan, Canadian history may well have been changed. The building and property are of great historical value not only to Fort Erie but also to Canada.