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MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

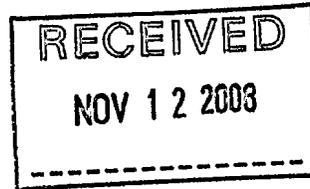
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Chatham-Kent: Celebrating 10 years as a Community of Communities

November 5, 2008



Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Re: Registration of Heritage By-law 267-2008
Buxton National Historic Site and Museum
21975 A.D. Shadd Road, Community of Raleigh

Attached is a certified copy of By-law 267-2008, that was registered as Instrument No. CK31176 on November 4, 2008 for the above-noted property.

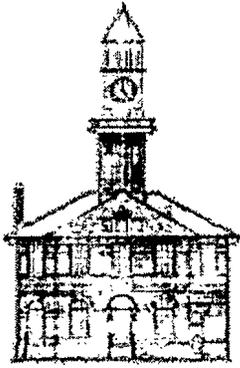
Sincerely,

Charlie Tomah
Development Planner

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Attachment

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Heritage Chatham-Kent

Municipal Heritage Committee

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act
Notice of Passing of By-law

TAKE NOTICE that The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Municipal Council may pass a by-law designating property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value and interest.

AND TAKE NOTICE that The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent passed By-law 267-2008 to designate the property known as the Buxton National Historic Site and Museum, located on Part Lot 10, Concession 8, municipally known as 21975 A.D. Shadd Road, Community of Raleigh, in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Description of Property:

The 7.98 acre property contains a restored 1861 timber frame house, wood sided school house, a restored log house, a c. 1967 museum interpretation building, numerous Federal and Provincial plaques, a reproduction freedom bell and a park area.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

In 1849, Rev. William King established the Elgin Settlement for refugees from slavery. known as the Elgin Settlement. Of national context, is the Buxton School House SS #13, with its historical association to slavery, the underground railroad, the Civil War, and other noted events, and is the only known remaining school house in Canada with these associations. As well, there is a museum, a original designed log building, a barn, a freedom bell and numerous plaques. Most importantly is the international and renowned annual homecoming event held each Labour Day weekend, which began in 1926.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

EXTERIOR/INTERIOR	Contextual
<p><u>Raleigh SS#13 School House:</u> restored to its appearance c. 1914, is a one-storey steep pitched front gable timber frame style building, exterior is bevelled tongue & groove wood siding with a 3 bay façade, centre double wooden doors with an open columned & raised front portico; etc.</p> <p><u>Museum Building:</u> one-storey frame building with a 3 bay centre section of round log wooden cladding with flanking winds extending from the centre forming 2 obtuse angles;</p> <p><u>Colbert-Henderson Log Home:</u> side gable log structure with gently sloped "salt box: shaped roof line, 3 bay façade with hop-roofed veranda; northern exposure has a large brick chimney.</p>	<p>The property is located next to the Church and Cemetery; the school house, along with the adjacent Church, is the tallest building in the Community that dominates the approach from the south along A.D. Shadd Road; this spatial relationship between the spiritual and the social & education components of the property is fundamental to the understanding and appreciation of the culture.</p>

The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's Office, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor, 315 King Street West, Chatham, during regular business hours.

Dated at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent this 12th day of November, 2008.

The applicant(s) hereby applies to the Land Registrar.

Properties

PIN 00872 - 0098 LT
Description PT LT 10, CON 8 (RALEIGH) AS IN 200881 & 152480 RALEIGH
Address 21975 A.D. SHADD ROAD
NORTH BUXTON

Applicant(s)

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

Name THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
Address for Service 315 King Street West
P.O. Box 640
Chatham, ON
N7M 5K8

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation Steve Matheson, Municipal Solicitor.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

Statements

This application is based on the Municipality By-Law No. 267-2008 dated 2008/10/27.

Schedule: See Schedules

Signed By

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Fees/Taxes/Payment

Statutory Registration Fee \$60.00
Total Paid \$60.00

BY-LAW NUMBER 267-2008

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property known as **21975 A.D. Shadd Road, Community of Raleigh**, as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

PASSED the 27th day of October, 2008

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent may designate a property within the boundaries of the Municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has appointed the Heritage Chatham-Kent Advisory Committee and the said committee has recommended that the Municipality designate the hereinafter described property pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has given Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been received by the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

1. That the property municipally known as 21975 A.D. Shadd Road, Community of Raleigh, and more particularly described in the attached Schedule "B" be designated to be of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The Clerk be authorized to register the by-law against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk be 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 cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 27th day of October, 2008.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law
Number 267-2008 passed by Municipality of
Chatham-Kent Council at its' meeting
Held on October 27, 2008
And the same is now in full force and effect.

Elinor Mifflin
Elinor Mifflin, Clerk
The Corporation of the Municipality of
Chatham-Kent

Randy R. Hope
Mayor - Randy R. Hope

Elinor Mifflin
Clerk - Elinor Mifflin

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

BUXTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND MUSEUM PROPERTY North Buxton

Description of Property

The Buxton National Historical Site and Museum property municipally known as 21975 A.D. Shadd Road, on Part Lot 10, Concession 8, Community of Raleigh, is comprised of 7.98 acres. The property contains a restored 1861 timber frame house, wood sided school house, a restored log house, a c. 1967 museum interpretation building, numerous federal and provincial plaques, a reproduction freedom bell, and a park area with baseball diamonds, playground equipment, and a covered open sided pavilion.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative (OHA Reg 9/06):

In 1849, Rev. William King brought fifteen US slaves to Canada in order for them to live as free people. Soon after this, he was able to acquire 9000 acres in Raleigh Township for the purpose of creating a settlement for refugees from slavery that would provide them the opportunity to create a new life as self sufficient land owners and business people.

What became known as the Elgin Settlement was and continues to be a successful and vibrant community and the entire 9000 acres was recognized as an area of national significance by Parks Canada in 2000. The three specific reasons for national significance are that the site is:

- A designed landscape created as a social experiment
- A continuing cultural landscape which retains an active social role in contemporary society closely associated with the traditional way of life and in which the evolutionary process is still in progress
- An associative landscape that has a sense of place highly evocative of its historic roots with strong associations for residents and visitors as a place of meaning and memories

One of the greatest accomplishments of the settlement that contribute to its long lasting success and its importance in a national and international context was the establishment of schools with fine teachers that quickly generated a reputation of excellence. The reputation was proven justified as graduates from the Elgin Settlement schools went on to become doctors, lawyers, and teachers. Many returned to the United States after the Civil War and became leading politicians and social leaders that helped shape the future of that country during the reconstruction.

The Buxton School House SS # 13, Raleigh, was built in 1861 and was the building where much of this fine education took place. It has direct historical associations to slavery, the underground railroad, the Civil War, reconstruction, and, of course, the many outstanding accomplishments that students from this school contributed to Canada and Chatham-Kent. It is the only known remaining school house in Canada with these associations.

Building from this strong historical base, the property as a whole has been, and continues to be, the focal point of community events, cultural chronicling/ preservation, sports, and pride. The site has long been a centre of community sports with a playground and baseball diamonds. It was selected as the site of the Raleigh Township Museum, a Centennial project of the mid-1960s that has evolved into the present museum complex. This includes the 1960s interpretive centre, the school house, the recently re-located Colbert-Henderson house, the only surviving log building in the settlement and one that conforms to Rev. King's strict criteria for settler's homes. An early barn moved to the site is another heritage attribute. The freedom bell and national and provincial plaques pertaining to the Elgin Settlement grace the property.

Perhaps most importantly is that this property has been the site of the internationally renowned annual homecoming event that has been held on Labour Day weekend since 1926 and epitomizes and illustrates, better than any explanation, the associative value of place that Parks Canada has identified as being of such fundamental significance.

Design/Physical (OHA Reg 9/06):

The property's physical significance is greater than the sum of its parts as each feature/component relates to each other to create a cultural "place." Hence, the design of this community "centre" should be interpreted first as a whole that includes the baseball diamonds, the Freedom Bell and historic plaques, and their placement on the property in addition and relation to the buildings.

Buildings:

Raleigh Township SS #13 School House: This building was the subject of a well researched professional restoration in 2000 – 2002 and reflects its appearance c. 1914. It is a one storey steep pitched front gable timber frame vernacular style building. The exterior is bevelled tongue and groove wood siding with a three bay façade, centre double wooden doors with an open columned and raised front portico and a five sided cupola with conforming conical roof. The north and south exposures are each composed of three equally spaced large windows while the rear (east) exposure has a small centred 'salt box' shaped wood shed extension.

Museum Building: A one storey frame building with a three bay centre section of round log wooden cladding with flanking wings that extend from the centre forming two obtuse angles.

Colbert-Henderson Log Home: This building has also been the subject of an extensive restoration. It is a side gabled log structure with gently sloped salt box-shaped roof line, three bay façade with hip-roofed veranda. The Northern exposure has a prominent exposed chimney.

Contextual:

The Buxton National Historic Site and Museum property, although it continues to evolve, has exceptional contextual significance located, as it is, next to the church and cemetery. This spatial relationship between the spiritual centre of the community (the church) and the social and educational components of the property is fundamental to the understanding and appreciation of the culture.

The school house, restored in 2000-2002 to its c. 1914 appearance, is along with the adjacent church, the tallest building in the community that dominates the approach from the south along A. D. Shadd Road and from the west along the 9th Concession.

Description of Heritage Attributes/Character Defining Elements

Key elements of the property include:

Raleigh SS #13 School House

Exterior:

- Brick single stack chimney with heavy built out cornice
- Steep pitched roof clad in cedar shingles
- Projecting eaves
- Plain soffit
- Plain frieze
- Five sided cupola including
 - wooden vents
 - decorative brackets
 - conforming conical cedar clad roof
 - decorative ball finial
- Window placement
- Window casement/exterior surround with low pitched moulded headers
- Plain wood lug window sills

- Double hung wooden four over four window sash
- Window boxes
- Double tongue and groove front doors
- Door casement/surround with low pitched moulded peaked header
- Decorative centre wooden medallion bearing the wording "SCHOOL SECTION No. 13 A D 1861"
- Front portico including
 - raised wooden landing and steps
 - four wooden Doric support columns
 - heavy entablature
 - extended and moulded soffit
 - decorative surmounting railing
- Wooden vent on upper eastern exposure

Interior:

- Room layout/floor plan
- Tongue and groove wood flooring throughout
- Terrazzo floor in entrance hall
- Tin ceiling, cove and wall covering throughout
- Wainscot and chair rail throughout
- Window casements/surrounds and interior sills throughout
- Five panel wooden doors including hardware throughout
- Interior door casement/surrounds
- Black boards including decorative surrounding trim

Colbert-Henderson log home

Exterior:

- End gable gently sloped 'salt box' shaped roof line
- Cedar shingle roof cladding
- Single stack brick inset chimney with built out cornice
- Large exposed brick chimney (northern exposure)
- Plain soffits
- Window placement
- Window casements and plain wood sills
- Wood six over six pane window sash
- Dovetailed square log walls
- Cedar lap sided second floor exterior cladding on gable ends
- Door casements
- Cedar hip-roof veranda

Raleigh Township SS #13 School House



Colbert-Henderson log home



SCHEDULE 'B'

Part Lot 10, Concession 8, Community of Raleigh, now in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Instrument No. 200881

PIN No. 008720098