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## CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

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July 7, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
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Attention: Mr. Jim Leonard, Registrar

Dear Mr. Leonard:

**RE:           Designation By-law 81-2012  
              1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven**

As you will recall, a Notice of Intention to Designate 1633 Elgin Street was served upon you on or about July 17, 2012.

I am now enclosing a certified copy of By-law 81-2012, enacted by Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville on July 23, 2012, which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29(6) of the said Act.

Yours truly,

Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk-Council Services  
Corporate Services Department  
/sjk

enclosure

**BY REGISTERED MAIL**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

## BY-LAW 81 – 2012

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*Being a by-law to designate a certain property,  
including land and buildings,  
known as the Solomon Fox House  
(1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven)  
as being of cultural heritage value or interest under  
the provisions of the  
Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 as amended*

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures located thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville has consulted with the Kingsville Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to the designation of 1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** authority was granted by Council to designate such property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands municipally known as 1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the foregoing property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law;


**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation of the foregoing property has been served on the Clerk for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville.


**NOW THEREFORE** the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville enacts as follows:

1. That the property known as The Solomon Fox House and municipally known as 1633 Elgin Street, Ruthven, including lands and buildings, more particularly described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended;
2. That the municipality's solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office;
3. That the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
4. That Schedules "A" and "B" form an integral part of this By-law.

**READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2012.**

I, Ruth Orton-Pert hereby certify the foregoing  
to be a true and correct copy of the original  
copy of By-law 81-2012 dated at Kingsville,  
Ontario this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

  
Signature

  
MAYOR Nelson Santos

  
CLERK Ruth Orton-Pert



**The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville**  
**By-law 81-2012**

Schedule "A"

1633 Elgin Street  
Ruthven, Ontario  
**The Solomon Fox House**

**Description of Property:** The Solomon Fox House

Constructed in 1899, The Solomon Fox House is a 2 ½ storey brick house in the Queen Anne academic style located in Ruthven, now part of the Town of Kingsville

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The building's cultural heritage value lies in its association with Solomon Fox (1850-1925) who was born in Gosfield South. He was a successful farmer in the region from 1871 until 1891 when he was forced to retire due to a stroke which left him partly paralyzed. Solomon Fox became a highly respected citizen of Ruthven and was an active member of the Methodist Church and a veteran of the Beaver Lodge, I.O.O.F. This house was built to be his retirement home and he lived there until his death in February 1925.

The cultural heritage value of the Solomon Fox House also lies in its being an example of the Queen Anne academic style of private dwelling in Ruthven. The building is constructed of red brick and has a cut fieldstone foundation. It features a gable hip roof, spindle columns on the porches and segmental arches over the windows. There are entry and side porches featuring spindle work in the frieze. There is wide trim under the cornice. The house is one of the oldest homes in Ruthven. In February 1899 a fire destroyed several buildings in the region; this house was started in April 1899, 2 months after the fire, and was completed in December 1899.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Solomon Fox House include several examples of fine craftsmanship: wooden staircase and bannister with spindles going from the main floor to the second floor; decorative wood trim around windows and doors; 10-inch high baseboards and hardwood flooring on second floor; original inner wooden front and side doors; vintage working doorbell; two transom stained glass panels over large front window on first and second floors; original porches with their spindle columns and works in the friezes, distinctive dentil trim; and ornate metal wall and floor heating vents.

**The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville  
By-law 81-2012**

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**Description:**

**PT LT 2 S/S ELGIN ST PLAN 182 GOSFIELD; PT LT 10 CON 2 EASTERN  
DIVISION GOSFIELD AS IN R1471792; KINGSVILLE**