



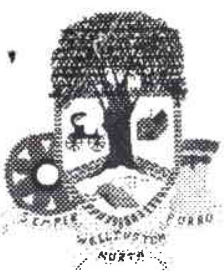
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September 13, 2000

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The Ontario Heritage Centre
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Dear Sir:

Please find attached By-law #46-00 with a designation of properties in the former Town of Mount Forest.

A copy of this By-law will be registered against the properties described in schedule A & B of the By-law.

A notice of the passing of this By-law is being published in the September 20, 2000 issue of our local newspaper.

Yours very truly,

Marlene M. Ternan
Administrator-Clerk

Encl.

MMT/cm

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

BY-LAW NUMBER 46-00

Being a By-law to designate the properties known as the Mount Forest Town Hall at 102 Main Street South and the Mount Forest Carnegie Library at 118 Main Street North in the Township of Wellington North, formerly the Town of Mount Forest as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises know as the Mount Forest Town Hall at 102 Main Street South, Mount Forest, and the Mount Forest Carnegie Library at 118 Main Street North, Mount Forest, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real properties and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North enacts as follows:

1. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Mount Forest Town Hall, at 102 Main Street South, in the Township of Wellington North, formerly in the Town of Mount Forest. The reasons for designation of this real property are set out in Schedule "A" of this By-law.
2. THAT there is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Mount Forest Carnegie Library, at 118 Main Street North, in the Township of Wellington North, formerly in the Town of Mount Forest. The reasons for designation of this real property are set out in Schedule "B" of this By-law.
3. THAT the municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedules "A" and "B" of this By-law in the Land Registry Office for the County of Wellington.
4. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid properties and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause a notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 11 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000.



MAYOR



CLERK



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 46-00.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

**Mount Forest Town Hall
(102 Main Street S)**

This three-storey, red brick building was constructed in 1911 on a site that was once a butcher shop owned by John Corley. It was constructed by the Dominion Government to be the Mount Forest Post Office.

The structure is the most prominent feature of the Mount Forest downtown and has been so for 90 years.

The building features a unique clock tower with a timepiece manufactured by W.F. Evans and Sons of the Soho Clock Factory of Birmingham, England. The clock is still keeping near perfect time to this day and remains the town's most distinctive and useful landmark. Attached is a photograph of the Town Hall for reference.

The rear part of the building was used as an armoury during World War One, and during World War Two as a Red Cross Office. It was staffed by local women who made items for the soldiers and civilians overseas.

During peacetime, the rear section was used by the six rural mail carriers and for a short time as the town hall.

The Post Office itself with its distinctive front entrances was a social centre of the community where people gathered to discuss the news.

The upstairs included the caretaker's apartment and the first public health offices. The basement contained the town jail.

In 1974, the building was sold to the Town for a municipal office, council chambers and police office.

The designation covers the exterior features of the Town Hall. The designation includes the following architectural features of the building: all arched gothic windows and exterior door openings, the roofline, exterior stonework, the front entrances and steps on Main Street South and Wellington Street East, and the clock tower.

The designation also covers interior features of the building as follows: the classic wooden staircase and the second floor bathroom fixtures.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 46-00.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

**Mount Forest Carnegie Library
(118 Main Street N)**

The Mount Forest Library was built in 1913 with the aid of a \$10,000 grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. It was built on a parcel of land donated by Mrs. A.G.H. Luxton in memory of her late father, William Gruer.

The architect for the two-storey, red brick library was George Gray of Harriston, and the chief contractor was a Mr. Hutchinson of Clifford. The Mount Forest Carnegie Free Library was officially opened December 5, 1913.

In 1981, the town agreed to the library joining into the Wellington County Library System. To date, it continues to operate as a library serving Mount Forest and the surrounding area.

The structure is one of Mount Forest's historic landmarks. The lower floor has been used on many occasions over the years for wedding receptions, town meetings, dances, and for a short period as the Council Chambers.

The designation covers the exterior features of this classic Carnegie Library and in particular, the designation includes the exterior front entrance and portico, the large columns and pilasters with Ionic capitals, the brick quoins and bracketed cornice, which are typical features of Ontario Carnegie Library ornamentation. The designation also covers all stained glass windows and the exterior stonework.

A photograph of the front façade of the Library is attached for reference.