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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY
BY-LAW NO. 61/89

Wellesley

BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE VILLAGE OF WELLESLEY
OLD SCHOOL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY TO BE
OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 c. 337 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact the By-Laws to designate real property, include all buildings and structures thereon to be of architectural and historic value or interest:

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellesley has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as The Township of Wellesley "Old School", 10 Henry Street East, Village of Wellesley being Plan 624, Lot 9, Lot 10, Lot 21, Part Lot 22, Part Lot 11, Township of Wellesley and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of these consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objective to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellesley enacts as follows:

1. The property described in Schedule A attached hereto is hereby designated to be of historic and architectural value and interest.
2. Section 33(1) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 c. 337 shall apply to the following exterior elevations and interior features:
 - (a) The front or south facade including the porch, bell tower, doorway, fanlight, sidelights, datestone and segmentally arched, double-hung windows and casement windows.
 - (b) The east and west symmetrical elevations including the segmentally arched, double hung windows and casement windows.
 - (c) The hip roof and roofline including fascia, soffit, and frieze boards.
 - (d) Portions of the interior of the building including the entrance vestibule, the majestic central staircase, the tongue and groove wainscotting with original brass coat-hooks and matching tongue and groove ceilings in the lower and upper hallway.



3. This By-Law shall come into effect on the final passing thereof by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellesley.

PASSED this 19th day of September, 1989.


Clerk


Mayor



SCHEDULE "A"

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Wellesley in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and in the Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot 9, Lot 10, Lot 21, part Lot 22, part Lot 11, Plan 624, in the Village of Wellesley, Township of Wellesley.

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This school house, formerly known as S. S. #16 was built in 1898 to accomodate the increasing local student population. Ratepayers held several meetings to discuss the options of either adding a second storey to the existing stone school house next door (known as the Fellowship Hall) or to build an entire new structure. After tenders were called, they decided on the latter course. Wellesley was a very prosperous village at the turn of the century and this large, solid, impressive building reflected the ambitious sentiment of the day. It relinquished its educational control in 1967 when a newer, more modern school was built at the east end of town. Over the years it has played a prominent role in the community and continues in that tradition even today insofar as it is the current residence of the local branch of the Waterloo Regional Library, the Wellesley Township Historical Society, Arts Council and Co-op Preschool.

Architecturally the building is unique. While its overall style is undoubtably Victorian it reflects solid, vernacular proportions similar to Georgian styling. The tower and segmentally arched windows seem only a minor acceptance of the dominant Victorian principles.

Built of locally produced yellow brick, it is actually the fourth school in the village replacing two earlier log structures and one stone structure (next door). The mason contract was held by Mr. John Miller for \$1,879.00, carpentry by Mr. C. D. Becker for \$1,600.00, heating (with wood furnaces) by Mr. John Kensinger for \$225.00, painting and glazing by Mr. John Stahle for \$197.00 and tinsmithing by Mr. R. Kuke for \$40.00 for a grand total cost of \$3,941.00. This amount was paid off in 30 equal installments.