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# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VALERIE CRITCHLEY  
CITY CLERK

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TO OUR FILE NO. MBA/2855

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April 30, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide St. E., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sirs:

**Re: Amendment to the Designation of 650 Devonshire Road**

Council, for the Corporation of the City of Windsor, at its meeting held April 7, 2014 passed By-law Number 57-2014 to amend the designation of **650 Devonshire Road** as a property of architectural and/or historic significance under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

- \* A copy of the by-law outlining the reasons for the amendment of the designation is attached. Notice of the designating By-law will be published in the Windsor Star on May 3, 2014.

Yours very truly,

**Anna Ciacelli**  
Supervisor of Council Services (A)

AC/ks  
*attachments*

BY - LAW NUMBER 57-2014

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 11879 BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, KNOWN AS 650 DEVONSHIRE ROAD, TO BE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORIC VALUE OR SIGNIFICANCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED.

Passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.

**WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor on July 4, 1994 passed By-law 11879 pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18;

**AND WHEREAS** By-law Number 11879, was registered on the lands described in Schedule "A" attached thereto on July 7, 1994 as Instrument No. R1279274.

**AND WHEREAS** upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to amend By-law 11879 by replacing the list of features in the designation by-law with a new list that recognizes important features of the building in its current state to comply with the current version of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and state the reasons for the designation of the lands, municipally known as *650 Devonshire Road*, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands);

**AND WHEREAS** notice of intention to so amend By-law 11879 was given to the owner of the subject lands and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on *Saturday, March 1, 2014*;

**AND WHEREAS** no Notice of Objection was served on the Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

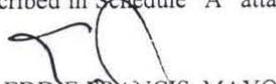
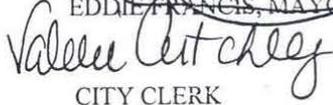
1. That By-law Number 11879 be amended by deleting paragraph 1. and substituting the following therefore:

"1. That the lands municipally known as 650 Devonshire Road, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto."

2. That By-law 11879 be further amended by deleting Schedules "A" and "B" attached thereto and substituting Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto.

3. That this by-law come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

4. That this by-law be registered against the lands described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

  
EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR  
  
CITY CLERK

First Reading - April 7, 2014  
Second Reading - April 7, 2014  
Third Reading - April 7, 2014

SCHEDULE "A" to By-Law 57-2014

Part Lot 7 Block L Plan 211 Sandwich East; Part Lot 9 Block L Plan 211 Sandwich East as  
in R742573; Windsor  
**P.I.N. 01133-0377 (LT)**

650 Devonshire Road  
Windsor, ON

## SCHEDULE "B"

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

#### DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE

The building at 650 Devonshire Road is the north half of a pair of semi-detached residences (with 656 Devonshire Road). It is situated mid-block on the east side of Devonshire Road, south of Wyandotte Street East, in the former Town of Walkerville, a company town founded by distiller Hiram Walker in 1858, now part of Windsor. The two-storey red brick building was constructed for Hiram Walker in 1888 to house employees of his distillery, located some four blocks to the north.

#### HISTORICAL VALUE

The residence at 650 Devonshire Road, built in 1888, is an important example of the worker housing that Hiram Walker was having built during the formative years of his company town.

#### DESIGN VALUE

The two-storey red brick semi-detached residence, with its nearly identical neighbours, is a very important remnant of the early Walkerville streetscape. The Detroit architectural firm of Mason & Rice likely designed it, as they were the architects of choice of the Walker family during this era. It has multiple brick details, and an inset corner entry (now enclosed).

#### CONTEXTUAL VALUE

Detroit distiller Hiram Walker founded the former Town of Walkerville in 1858. By the late 1880s the Walkers were developing rental properties for the distillery's employees at all levels. The five semi-detached buildings (ten residences) built on the east side of Devonshire Road in 1888 are some of his earliest projects and predate the formal incorporation of his real estate development wing, the "Walkerville Land & Building Co." in 1890 (four of the buildings are extant).

#### CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

##### **Exterior features that contribute to the design or physical value of 650 Devonshire Road:**

- Front and north side walls of red brick, two storeys.
- Decorative brick detailing including common bond with soldier (1 brick high) at first and second-storey window sill level; band of soldier coursing in common (2 bricks high) at head of first floor windows; window and door lintels with tilted bricks with brick voussoirs; string course of projecting bricks (first course) under eaves, decorative pattern in north gable peak.
- Front gable has original eave brackets above flared base.
- Two rear simple brick chimneys and one shared simple brick chimney at street front peak.
- Front and side windows set-in, with dividers, and stone sills.

**Feature that contributes to the historical value of 650 Devonshire Road:**

- Attributed to the Detroit firm of Mason and Rice, which designed much of Walkerville's architecture prior to 1900. The design of this group of five semi-detached homes along the 600 block of Devonshire Road is generally attributed to the firm.

**Feature that contributes to the contextual value of 650 Devonshire Road:**

- Part of the streetscape on the east side of Devonshire Road, south of Wyandotte Street East, with four near-identical neighbouring buildings on the block-face and another of similar design.