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The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

By-law No. 13-80

A By-law to designate the Whittaker Block, 5-11 Main Street East as a feature of historical, architectural and/or contextual significance

Whereas pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

Whereas the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

5-11 Main Street East
Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Whittaker Block at 5-11 Main Street East** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Grimsby Lincoln News, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;


And whereas the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

1. That the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:
The Whittaker Block
5-11 Main Street East
Town of Grimsby
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
2. That the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

Read a first time this 18th day of November, 2013.

Read a second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of November, 2013


R.N. Bentley, Mayor


Hazel Soady-Easton, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 13-80

In the Town of Grimsby in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, property description as follows:

The Whittaker Block,
LT 322, Corporation Plan 4; S/T RO451938; GRIMSBY, municipally
known as
5-11 Main Street East,
Town of Grimsby,
Regional Municipality of Niagara

Schedule 'B' to By-law 13-80**Statement of significance and description of extent of the features to which the designation applies**Description of Property

The subject property is located on the north side of Main Street East within the commercial core of the downtown. The property has the original brick building and includes the addresses 5-11 Main Street East.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The building at 5-11 Main Street East has design and physical value in the historic character of the building. The physical value lies in the heritage red pressed brick with the Running Bond pattern and Victorian Era design that incorporates an end gable roof pattern and double chimneys and contributes to the vernacular of the Town of Grimsby. The keystones, voussoirs, and chiselled window sills enhance the decorative value of the building and compliment buildings of the same dates (circa 1895-1905) that populate the downtown commercial core of Grimsby. Also, the decorative brackets under the first and second storey cornices add aesthetic value, and the carved rosettes add a historical element of design to the Whittaker Block.

The building at 5-11 Main Street East has historical and associative value for the individuals correlating to its history. One of the most recognizable figures is Charles T. Farrell, married into the Whittaker Family, a Mayor, and of course a Lodge Master. Born in Grimsby in 1870 he was also a shoe merchant like Samuel Whittaker. C.T. Farrell was also the Reeve of the Town of Grimsby from 1917-1920 and was the Mayor for 1922 and 1923.

The Whittaker Block was the meeting place of the Masonic Lodge, which adds another layer of historical and associative value to the building as the Masons have been a fundamental part of the community of Grimsby as well as the development of our Ontario history. There is also the associative value of the Mayor of Grimsby and of prominent citizens who worked or supported the Whittaker, Farrell, Robinson, Robertson, Farrow, and Wells families in 5-11 Main Street East.

The building at 5-11 Main Street West has contextual value for the wider connections to the Village and Town of Grimsby. This building is surmised to have been built before or around c. 1914, which makes it a testament to commercial development in Southern Ontario in the pre-war era. Architecturally, it connects to other small town centres of trade and commerce, and links Grimsby to the broader history of Ontario in the early twentieth century.

Heritage Attributes

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the front façade of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for 5-11 Main Street East:

- The original red pressed brickwork of the second storey (Running Bond pattern);
- Brick columns;
- Cornice on both the first and second storey;
- Decorative brackets with rosette or medallion carved details;
- Stone window sills;

- Keystone, Voussoirs and decorative End Stones (Limestone or Sandstone);
- Transom Window over the apartment door of #9 Main Street East;
- End gable roof pattern; and
- The two brick chimneys.