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The Corporation of the Municipality of
Central Elgin

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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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***Notice of Designation of Property pursuant to Section 29 of the
Ontario Heritage Act***

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TAKE NOTICE that on the 14th day of December, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin passed By-law 2546 to designate all façades of the Selborne mill building and the two joined log cabins located on property known municipally as **181-191 Brayside Street** and legally described as **Part of Lots 2 and 3, Concession 1, Parts 4, 5 and 6, Plan 11R-2108, and Part 1, Reference Plan 11R-2894, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin** to be a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 23rd day of December, 2020.

Donald N. Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk





The Corporation of the Municipality of

Central Elgin

BY-LAW 2546

Being a By-law to Designate a Property known Municipally as
181-191 Brayside Street to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, authorizes Council to pass a by-law designating a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS our Municipal Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known municipally as 181-191 Brayside Street is of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council believes the property known municipally as 181-191 Brayside Street meets one or more of the criteria prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06;

AND WHEREAS Council has given notice of its intention to designate the said property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest as required by section 29 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the designation of the said property was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Property known municipally as 181-191 Brayside Street, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value.
2. The statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the heritage attributes of the property are as set out in Schedules "B" and "C" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized:
 - a) to cause a copy of the by-law together with the statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest and description of the heritage attributes of the property,
 - b) to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office,
 - c) to be served on the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust,
 - d) and publish a notice of the by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a FIRST and a SECOND TIME this 14th day of December, 2020.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 14th day of December, 2020.

Donald N. Leitch, CAO/Clerk

Sally Martyn, Mayor

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SCHEDULE "A" to BY-LAW 2546

The lands subject to this By-law are legally described as:

Part of Lots 2 and 3, Concession 1, Parts 4, 5 and 6, Plan 11R-2108, and Part 1,
Reference Plan 11R-2894, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central
Elgin

Schedule "B"

Heritage Central Elgin

Your municipal heritage committee are recommending to council the designation of the Selborne Mill at 181 Brayside St. in Port Stanley as well as the two log cabins at 191 Brayside St. which are joined together to form one building. The attached reports explain the significance of these structures. They are both of historical value as well as architectural significance. The owners of the properties are eager to have them designated to assure their continued existence. They are owned by John Smith, Lois Smith, Jessica Chard and Adam Smith.

John Smith wrote a book on the history of the structures with a detailed account of their relocation. John and Lois Smith have invited council and your municipal heritage committee to tour the structures at any time and they are well worth your time to tour. The interior of the mill features many early artifacts from the mill itself as well as other valuable pieces of our history.

Dr. Robert J. Burns
Chair of Heritage Central Elgin

The Selborne Mill (Smith Mill)

Architectural Qualities

The mill was constructed of large white oak beams and is three stories high and 35' by 35'. The first and second floors feature upright beams, 12 around the perimeter and four in the central area. The beams are 12.5" by 12.5" and 9'9 1/2" tall. The beams are beautifully cut into octagonal shapes at the ends. The 25 first floor ceiling beams are 9" by 12", by 35' long. The original mill had no veranda but verandas on the front were added to all three stories. The ridge beam for the roof is 39' long white oak that extends 4' beyond the building and contains a huge iron eye bolt. This section was used originally to raise the grain for grinding. To make it into a home many windows were added but Mr. Smith used to original mill stones for steps, the 5' mill pulley for a coffee table and another wooden pulley as a chandelier. The interior fireplace features a cooking iron bar and beside it a brick bake oven. The current house is full of antiques from the same period as the mill as well as wall posters from the original mill.

Registry Office Material and Historical Significance

The property on which the Selborne mill stands today was the south part of the Hepburn Farm in Yarmouth Township. This is the third site of the mill. The mill was originally built in 1831 by Jesse Zavitz on land owned by James Begg, son-in-law of Joseph Smith who commissioned the building of the mill. In 1857 the mill was sold and again in 1863, then again in 1864 and finally in 1868 to Thomas Harding. It remained in the Harding family until 1925 when it was purchased by George Bell who ran it until his death in 1942. Many remember it as the Harding Mill or the Bell Mill. Teskey and Christine Smith purchased the building and all it's contents in 1949 but not the land.

The mill was dismantled with all beams carefully marked with paint to allow for the complete reconstruction. The mill was reconstructed on a section of property to the east of Lawrence Street off of Harrison Place. The 20 acres of land was purchased from the Harrison farm and the site the mill was rebuilt on was 400 feet from the lake on a hill. By 1954 the erosion on the lake front was threatening the access to the site and in 1955 it was agreed to move to its current location. It was too expensive to dismantle again so it was agreed to move it on three huge undercarriages linked by massive beams to support the weight of the 135 tons. It was jacked up on a number of jacks capable of holding 50 tons each. It took two winters to move it across the farm fields to its current locations.

Legal Description

181 Brayside St.

Concession 1, Part Lot 2 & 3 RP 11 R2108 Parts 4, 5, 6 & RP 11 R2894 Part 1 10.89 acres

Municipality of Central Elgin (Yarmouth Township)

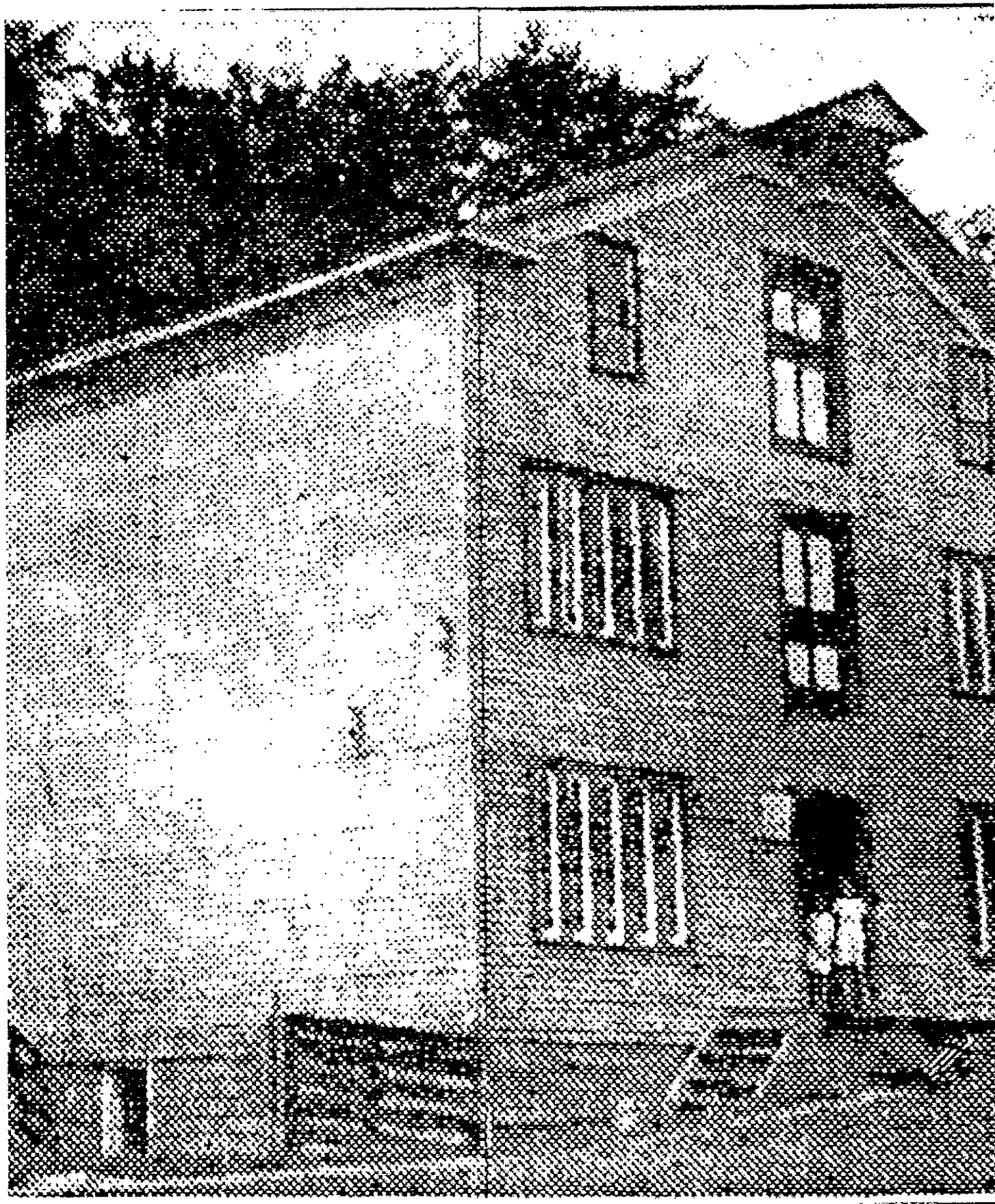
Note: Proposed designation of entire exterior of building.





what Teskey Smith calls the home he rebuilt

from Selborne, it is now used as a summer home for his children and grandchildren



Schedule "C"

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Smith Log Cabins

Architectural Qualities

These two buildings from the early 1800s demonstrate the architectural styles and materials of the early buildings in this region.

The Tavistock cabin is two stories made entirely of white oak squared logs. It was reassembled as it originally stood. The New Dundee cabin is made of the same white oak logs and is three stories high. It was reassembled at a lower level and incorporates a garage on the first floor. The floors through out are of white pine.

Historical Significance

The two log cabins at 191 Brayside were moved to this site, the Tavistock one in 1962 and the New Dundee one in 1972.

Teskey Smith purchased the Tavistock log cabin and moved it to this site. The cabin was about to be torn down and had the outer cladding removed. Seeing the log walls of the building about to be torn down, he offered to purchase them and paid \$100 for the building and having it disassembled and moved to the current site. All the logs were marked so they could be reassembled exactly as before. The Smiths held a cabin raising bee and invited friends and neighbours to help reconstruct the cabin. Before the raising, Teskey and his son John (current owner) set in the footings and laid the foundation row in place. They also installed the floor joists and the main floor subfloor. The raising occurred on September 29, 1962. All the walls were assembled by evening and the roof went on after supper. A chinking bee was held in the summer of 1963. This was a two story cabin and Teskey and his wife used this as their cottage leaving the mill to their children and grandchildren.

The New Dundee cabin was purchased in 1972 when the new Dundee Golf Course was being established. When the siding was removed from the farmhouse, the log cabin was discovered. Teskey was contacted and bought the building for \$500 but this time he had to dismantle and move it himself. Being a three story building made the reconstruction more difficult but the logs were very well preserved. It was rebuilt to the west of the Tavistock cabin and connected with an addition. The addition was replaced in 1993 due to leaking rooves.

The Tavistock cabin is 22' by 18' and the New Dundee cabin is 27'2" by 30'4".

Legal Description

191 Brayside St.

Concession 1, Lot 2 Plan 224 Lot 1 parts 2 & 3 PT Merville ST RV 11 R2108 Parts 1 To 36.94 acres
Municipality of Central Elgin (Yarmouth Township)

Note: Proposed designation of entire exterior of building.



