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Public Notice **Ontario Heritage Act**

Notice of Passing of By-Law Heritage Designation

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe enacted a by-law at its meeting held on **December 21st, 2021** to designate the property known as 171 King Street East, Colborne Ontario, K0K1S0 in the Township of Cramahe, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, 0.18, Part IV, Section 29.

By-law No. 2021-92


**171 King Street East
Colborne Ontario, Township of Cramahe**

A certified true copy of the by-law and additional information relating to by-law 2021-92 are available from the Office of the Township of Cramahe, 1 Toronto Street in Colborne, during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Cramahe this 20th day of January, 2022



Victoria Heffernan
Manager of Planning



Holly Grant
Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRAMAHE

BY-LAW NO. 2021-92

Being a By-law to designate the property at 171 King Street East, Colborne, Cramahe Township, Concession 2, Lot 28, Reid Lot 202 as having cultural heritage value and interest.

Whereas Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. c., O. 18 as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings or structures thereon under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act to be of cultural heritage value and interest; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe deems it desirable to designate the building at 171 King Street East, Colborne and has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township; and

Whereas the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest and the Description of Heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law; and

Whereas no notification of objections to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Township.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Cramahe hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the property described in Schedule A, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as 171 King Street East, Colborne, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest and is recognized as being an important built heritage asset in the Municipality of the Township of Cramahe; and
2. **That** the Clerk of the Township of Cramahe is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Township, and to cause a copy of the By-law to be registered at the proper Land Registry Office in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. R.S.O. 1990 as amended; and
3. **That** this by-law shall become effective on the date it is passed by the Council of the Corporation of the township of Cramahe.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 21st day of December, 2021.

I, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Cramahe, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the original document.

Dated this 18 Day of January
Holly Grant
Clerk, Township of Cramahe

Mandy Martin
Mandy Martin, Mayor

Holly Grant
Holly Grant, Clerk

**Schedule A
to By-law No. 2021-92**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

171 King Street East, Colborne, Ontario, Township of Cramahe, Concession 2, Lot 28,
Reid Plan – Lot 202

**Schedule B
To By-law No. 2021-92**

Description of Property:

171 King Street East, Colborne ON K0K 1S0

Keeler's Tavern is a classic example of Federal (or Loyalist) architecture. It is on the North East Corner of Parliament Street in the village of Colborne, ON in the Township of Cramahe.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Design or Physical Value:

Today, in Ontario what is called the "loyalist" architectural style emerged from an amalgam of two other styles. In 1776 two and a half million people emigrated from what is now the American east coast, when the 13 colonies declared independence from Britain. Over the next 40 years, these United Empire Loyalists were augmented by several waves of European immigrants, many of whom were tradesmen. Americans donated their symmetrical, minimalist Federal features while the Europeans brought with them a neo-classical bent.

171 King Street East is an excellent example of the Federal or Loyalist style built before 1821. This claim is supported by the following features though, over 200 years, the building has had upgrades to make it habitable. Nelles Manor in Grimsby Ontario is a close twin with Keeler's Tavern though it is brick and the Colborne property was originally narrow gauge clapboard.

The building has the classic 2 story, 5 bay fenestration which, before 1970, was marred by several boarded-up windows. After decades of restoration, it is today, as it was in the early 19th century, stately and symmetrical. It has the gently sloping gable roof and there is photographic evidence of two large chimneys at either end of the gables, now gone. The front porch, door and sidelights are all in keeping with the loyalist architectural designs.

One unique feature of the interior is the central staircase which should also be noted, including the stairs with their hand wrought trim, the banisters and bespoke newel post and pickets created by an artisan.

Historical or Associative Value:

Keeler's Tavern was operated by the original settler of Colborne and environs, Joseph Keeler, who arrived in "Old Cat Hollow" (now Lakeport ON) in 1795. Also a genial purveyor of food, drink and a bed to lie in was his son Joseph Abbott Keeler who was the founder of Colborne, Castleton and Norwood. The Keelers were community builders, with flour and sawmills, provision of many municipal services (Postmaster), support to all denominations of churches, and information via newspapers. But the Keelers found time to tend to the battered and weary travelers along the Kingston/York corduroy road which provided brutal travelling

conditions before the year 1800. Keeler's Tavern is at the corner of Parliament Street and what is now Highway 2 and so was in the perfect location, halfway between Kingston and York.

Keeler's Tavern at 171 King Street East, Colborne ON, is one of the oldest properties in the township (pre1821). This claim is supported by empirical evidence, notably from a young woman named Phoebe McCarthy Roberts, a quaker missionary who stayed at the Tavern in 1821 and wrote in her diary "At Joseph Keeler's tavern in Cramahe, the innkeeper treated us kindly, free gratis". Also an 1820 penny was found in the property during restoration. Finally, there is a watercolor sketch of the Tavern by Lt. Colonel James Pattison Cockburn (1779-1847) ca.1830.

This building was in place when there was nothing but open fields and thick forests in the area. It preceded the incorporation of the village of Colborne into the Confederation in 1858. Because of its location, it was one of the first buildings to be erected in what is known as "East Colborne" which was an early settlement of foundries and other "heavy" businesses at the dawn of the industrial age. (1760-1840).

Today, much of the credit for the current condition of the Tavern goes to the present owner who began in 1970 to restore this important building so it will stand another 200 years.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The size, shape and placement of windows which are the principal exterior feature creating the Federal or Loyalist style of architecture.

The front porch shape and trim, the front door and sidelights, in keeping with the Federal or Loyalist style.

The central staircase: the stairs with hand wrought design; the banister and bespoke newel post and pickets probably created by an artisan.