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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

8-10 Ontario Street, Grimsby, ON

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on January 11th, 2021 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate LT 309, Corporation Plan 4; Grimsby as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Description of Property

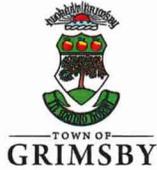
The subject site located at 8-10 Ontario Street, between Main Street East and Doran Avenue. Previously the street was identified as Depot Street and was then changed to Ontario Street in the 1960s.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The dwelling at 8-10 Ontario Street is representative of the Canadian style of architecture that was prevalent in residential homes in the late 19th century. The dwelling has elements of Italianate architecture, which was typical of Victorian Era homes in Canada, however tended to be more modest. The original window openings are topped with brick segmental arches, which are secured with a tooled keystone. This dwelling has many of the original window openings, and some of the wood windows are still within these openings. The matching front bay windows on the front façade feature paired segmental arch windows, which is a traditional element in Italianate architecture. The doorway entrances imply that this was a purpose-built duplex, and although the doors have been replaced, the remnants of the transom windows above the original door openings remain (now boarded over). The bracketed eaves are reminiscent of the Italianate architectural style. The roof is a gabled structure with parapets in the end gables that extend past the roofline. The overall style of the building is representative of residential homes in Canada built in the mid- to late-1800s. Purpose-built brick duplexes from this era are rare in Grimsby.

According to the Grimsby Archives, it is believed that Anna Bell was the original owner of the purpose-built duplex. Amos Farewell was the first husband of Anna Bell, as well as the son and nephew of William and Atkins Farewell. William and Atkins became well known fur traders, and founded the City of Oshawa. Amos and Anna's son married into the Smith family. The Smith Family were early settlers to the Township of Grimsby, arriving as early as 1791. The Smith Family was associated with the fruit industry, selling one of their farms to pioneer fruit man Jonathan Woolverton. Anna Bell's second husband, Benjamin Bell, served in the War of 1812 with the 4th Lincoln Regiment. Benjamin was a Member of the Grimsby Township Council and was one of the two wardens in 1801. Elizabeth, the mother of Benjamin Bell, was a direct descendant of the Pettit Family.

The dwelling at 8-10 Ontario Street has direct associations with the Town of Grimsby and was occupied by James H. Wells. Wells was a member of the Masonic Lodge along with other prominent businessmen in Grimsby including Mr. James Doran, Mr. Samuel Whittaker, and Mr. Charles T. Farrell, the first Mayor of Grimsby. The Masonic Lodge has always been a pillar for the community. James Wells was well connected and involved with both the Masonic Lodge and the commercial advancement of the Town.



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During the 19th century, Depot Street supported a large portion of the fruit industry. The character along the Ontario Street corridor (formerly Depot Street) contains a collection of multi-use residential, commercial, and a few remaining industrial buildings. The dwelling at 8-10 Ontario Street is important in illustrating the industrial development along this significant streetscape. This residence is one of the last of its kind along Ontario Street, and speaks to the volume of housing that was required to support such a successful fruit industry.

The dwelling at 8-10 Ontario Street is visually linked to its surroundings by its architecture and aesthetic style. The dwelling is historically linked to the surroundings by the associations with James Wells and the industry along Depot Street. James H. Wells was a prominent member of the community, store operator/owner (Whittaker Block, 5-11 Ontario St.), as well as owner of this home in the early 1900s. This purpose-built duplex provides evidence of the amount of industry that would have occurred along this historic industrial corridor. During the late 1800s it was uncommon to have purpose-built duplexes constructed, this structure would have provided living accommodations for the workers of local industries, and helps to depict the volume of industry that would have taken place along Depot Street (now Ontario Street) during the turn of the century.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The heritage attributes to be designated at 8-10 Ontario Street include:

- The original doorway openings and transom windows
- Stone window sills
- Original window openings
- Original wood windows
- Ornate brackets
- Roof line (end gabled roof intersected by two secondary front facing gables)
- Parapets (parapet projection and brick corbels)
- Voussoirs and tooled keystones
- Original stone foundation
- Original clay brick exterior (Flemish stretcher style, repeating every seven rows)

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than February 26, 2021. Objections should be directed to Sarah Kim, Town Clerk, P.O. Box 159, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 4G3.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email bverrecchia@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: February 26, 2021