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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin

**BY-LAW 724**

**Being a By-law to Designate Property known Municipally as 46349 Sparta Line to be of Historic and Architectural Value**

JAN 10 2005

HERITAGE & LIBRARY

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 historic or architectural value and interest;

AND WHEREAS our Municipal Heritage Committee has recommended that the property known municipally as 46349 Sparta Line is of historic and architectural value;

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

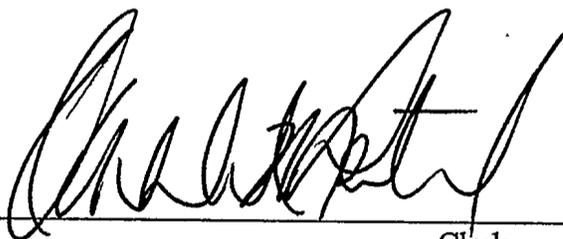
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the designation of the said property was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

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

1. Property known municipally as 46349 Sparta Line, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value.
2. The reasons for designation are as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized
  - a) to cause a copy of the by-law together with the reasons for designation,
    - i. to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office,
    - ii to be served on the owner and the Ontario Heritage Foundation,
  - b) and publish a notice of such by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a FIRST and a SECOND TIME this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004



Clerk



Mayor

**SCHEDULE "A" to BY-LAW 724**

The lands subject to this By-law are described as Part of Lot 1, Registered Plan 48, South of Main Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin.

Temperance House

Architectural Qualities

The Temperance House, constructed in the 1840's, and was built by Artemas Hitchcock. It has had many uses including a hotel, social spot (dance hall, tea parties etc.), and is currently an antique shop and "Taste of Britain;" a British products shop.

It has had many interior and exterior renovations including, new vinyl windows on the second level, and vinyl siding on the rear and extension. These were done when the building was left in a dilapidated state for some years and needed to be fixed after that. The Structure has no basement and sits on a mix of fieldstone and clay brick foundation. It is a full two stories high, with a 15 metre long facade and a 14 metre width. It is made of clapboard and supported by a wooden frame. The clapboard on the corners is corner boarded to make a nice finish. Its roof is a medium gable. The building has plain soffits, projected eaves, wooded verges, moulded fascias, and plain friezes. There is one chimney on the building. It is made of cement block, located offset right, and is single mass. It straddles the gable hip facing the facade. There is one doorway on the building with plain as well as a pointed-shaped hood with decorative functional brackets, carved fascia, and wood shingled roof trim. Each doorway has 2 leaves, four, and 2 glass panel doors (See Photograph). The windows on the building are two sash double hung 2/2 pane arrangement. Some of the original windows have been blinded on the west wall. The original verandahs were later replaced with what is now there. There is an open railing, straight stairway leading up to a platform open railing porch on the main level. Windows, chimneys, and stairs have been added to the original building and the roof has been altered.

Registry Office Material & Historical Significance

Several key figures of the Sparta community owned this property. Among these are John Mills, John H. McDowell, and the Sparta Public House Company.

John Mills and James Mills, his son, were influential in the early land development in Sparta. John received land from Baby the same way Jonathan Doan did and split it amongst his sons. This laid the groundwork for many of the divisions of land that occurred between the early settlers. This allowed for Isaac Moore's wife, Hannah, and her sister Drusilla Harvey to receive land and firmly establish their families in the Sparta community. Isaac Moore, the husband of Hannah Moore, is the reputed owner of the Elgin House. According to a search done at the Registry office he never owned it. This does not mean that he was never the proprietor; he may have just never owned it. Isaac's significance is then at one time that he almost had a monopoly on the hotel business. John H. McDowell was another one of the many influential businessmen of Sparta. He supposedly bought the Temperance house from Isaac Moore but again from the search at the Registry Office this is false. Later the hotel amassed a large clientele because of its bar. The Temperance Movement of the village took a dim view of alcohol. In the early 1900's, the then Ontario House was closed. The Temperance Movement devised various methods of operating the building. This is why the Temperance House is so named. The Temperance House is now owned by [REDACTED]

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*The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin*

**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION  
OF PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

**46342 SPARTA LINE  
(SPARTA HOUSE)**

JAN 10 2005  
HERITAGE & DEVELOPMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin, at a meeting held on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, passed By-law No. 723 to designate the property known municipally as **46342 Sparta Line** and legally described as **Lot 1 and Part of Lot 6, Registered Plan 48, North of Main Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin**, as a property of architectural and historic value pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

**46349 SPARTA LINE  
(TEMPERANCE HOUSE)**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin, at a meeting held on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, passed By-law No. 724 to designate the property known municipally as **46349 Sparta Line** and legally described as **Part of Lot 1, Registered Plan 48, South of Main Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin**, as a property of architectural and historic value pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

Donald N. Leitch  
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