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The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin

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BY-LAW 723

Being a By-law to Designate Property known Municipally as 46342 Sparta Line to be of Historic and Architectural Value

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 46342 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;

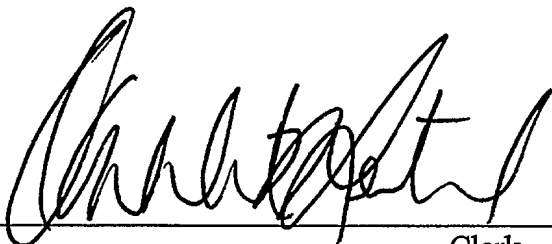
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the designation of the said property was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

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

1. Property known municipally as 46342 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 13th day of December, 2004.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of December, 2004



Clerk



Mayor

SCHEDULE "A" to BY-LAW 723

The lands subject to this By-law are described as Lot 1 and Part Lot 6, Registered Plan 48, North of Main Street, West of King Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, more particularly described as Part 3, Reference Plan 11R-2237, Municipality of Central Elgin

Sparta HouseArchitectural Qualities

Sparta House was built about 1840 by David Mills. It has had many uses including a hardware store, an undertaking business, and most recently a tea room.

Sparta House is constructed in the American Colonial Architectural Style. The structure sits on a brick foundation and has a full basement. It is a two storey building and has a two storey addition on the west side. The facade is 15 metres long and the building has a depth of 8 metres. It is made of clapboard and supported by a wooden frame. The clapboard on the corners is corner boarded to make a nice finish. The main section is roofed by a medium gable. The west side addition has a boom town facade also known as a fake front and one entrance on the facade. The building has plain soffits, projected eaves, wooded verges, moulded fascias, and eclectic friezes with plain, moulded, and decorated. There are 3 chimneys on the building; they are made of cement block and brick located side left and side right single mass. There is one offset chimney on the building which is not original. There are two doorways on the main section of the building with plain as well as pilastered trim. Each door is 1 leaf, single panel. The windows on the building are two sash double hung 16/0 pane arrangement. Some of the original windows have been blinded at the back of the second storey. The verandahs which were original were later replaced after they had been taken off the building for some time. There are two storey open verandahs of post construction. It is believed that they have been extended and the roof has been added.

Registry Office Material & Historical Significance

Several key figures of the Sparta community owned this property. Among these are: Jonathan Doan, William Vary, Isaac Moore, Hiram B. Smith, David Mills, Louis Moedinger, and Louis W. Moedinger.

Jonathan Doan was the first settler to this area in 1813. He was deeded the land from the Honorable James Baby. Baby was a member of the Upper Canada Legislature, and he was given this land through the Crown Patent of 1799; one can speculate that this was for services rendered in the War of 1812 and for being a member of the legislature. The second owner of interest is William Vary. Vary owned the house behind Sparta House on the other side of Mill Pond on Plan 48 Lot 6 on the West Side of Quaker Road (King Street). In this house in December of 1834, Sparta which was then known as "The Corners," received its current name. The third owner of interest, Isaac Moore, was deeded the property in 1854. Moore was the reputed owner of our second property in this designation proposal, the Temperance House (then the Elgin House). According a search done at the Registry Office on the Temperance House, he never owned the Temperance House. This does not mean that he was never the proprietor; he just could have never owned it. Isaac's significance is then that at one time he almost had a monopoly on the hotel business. The fourth owner of interest is Hiram B. Smith. One of the most influential people on early Sparta, Smith owned a store and large home which can be still seen on Sparta Line (Main Street) today. Also at one time towards the end of his life he

amassed great quantities of land and buildings, including Sparta House. The fifth owner of interest is David Mills. An important figure in the area, Mills and relatives 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 later 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. The Harvey name is still a prominent name today. The last two interesting owners Louis Moedinger and his son Louis W. Moedinger ran a hardware and General Store out of Sparta House. Also Louis W. Moedinger, a cabinet maker by trade, was the village undertaker and ran this business out of Sparta House and [REDACTED] the Abbey which at that time stood next to Sparta House. Sparta House is now owned by [REDACTED] and her husband [REDACTED] as tenants in common.

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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

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin, at a meeting held on Monday, December 13th, 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 13th, 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 24th day of December, 2004.

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