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The Corporation of the Municipality of  
**Central Elgin**

**BY-LAW 1494**

Being a By-law to Designate a Property known Municipally as 46324 Sparta Line 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 46324 Sparta Line is of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council believes the property known municipally as 46324 Sparta Line 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;

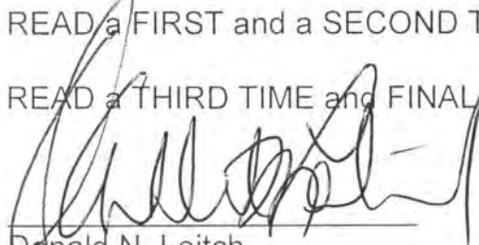
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the designation of the said property was served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

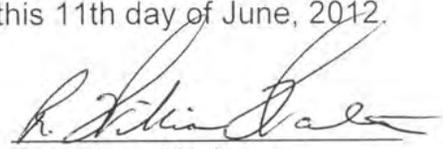
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Property known municipally as 46324 Sparta Line, 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 description of the heritage attributes of the property 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 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 11th day of June, 2012.

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 11th day of June, 2012.

  
Donald N. Leitch  
CAO/Clerk

  
R. William Walters  
Mayor

**SCHEDULE A to BY-LAW 1494**

The lands subject to this By-law are described as Part of Lot 2, Plan 48, North Side of Main Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin.

## SCHEDULE B to BY-LAW 1494

### 46324 Sparta Line – "The Abbey"

The west, south and east façades of the house are designated.

#### Architectural Qualities

The Abbey was built in the early 1840s. It served as a residence for the Moedinger family for many years as well as being Louis Moedinger's furniture and coffin shop. It now serves as the private home and studio of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

The Abbey is constructed in the Colonial Style. The structure sits on a sculptured cement block foundation and has a full basement. It is a two storey building at the front and has a one and a half story addition on the back. The facade is 12 metres long and has a depth of 10 metres. It is made of clapboard and supported by a wooden frame. The clapboard on the corners is corner board to make a nice finish. The structure is roofed by a medium gable. The building has projecting eaves, wooded verges, plain fascia, moulded soffits, and plain frieze. An asphalt roof replaces the original cedar shingles. There is one chimney on the building made of block and located left side, single mass. There is one doorway located in the centre of the facade. The entrance which was altered by the [REDACTED] is pilastered with square columns and entablature and features a half circled transom. The door has two lower panels and two windows above. The windows on the building are two sash, single or double hung with a 2/2 pane arrangement. The original windows would have featured a 6/6 pane arrangement but were replaced at the time the building was moved in the mid-1900s. There are half fan light windows in the peaks of the eaves. The windows feature a peaked upper frame. The building has an entrance porch with a railed top and two pillars that was also added by the [REDACTED] in the 1980s.

#### Registry Office Material & Historical Significance

Jonathan Doan was deeded the land from the Honourable James Baby. Baby was a member of the Upper Canada Legislature, and he was given this land through the crown patent of 1799. Doan acquired the land in 1816 and later sold it to Saul Moore in 1820. The Moedingers purchased this plot and all the land to the 4 corners in 1869. It was owned by the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1978 when it was sold to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Several key figures and events in the history of the community of Sparta occurred here. The newspaper "***The True Teller***" was published in this building in the 1840s. Louis Moedinger senior and later his son Louis Moedinger junior ran their furniture and coffin shop from this building. They also owned the building to the east now know as The Sparta House Tearoom and ran their undertaker business from this location. The building also served as an inn in the early days. In the mid-1900s it was moved from its original location on the lot just to the east to its current day location. After the death of [REDACTED] in the 1930s, the building was turned into two apartments and rented to a variety of families. In [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] bought the home, restored it and added on the back section for an art studio for [REDACTED]. They altered the front entrance at that time.

Legal Description:

Lot 21, Concession 4  
Plan 48 Part of Lot 2 North Side of Main Street  
Municipality of Central Elgin (Yarmouth)  
Part 1 & 4 on [11R-2237](#)





The Corporation of the Municipality of

**Central Elgin**

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

TAKE NOTICE that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin passed By-law 1494 to designate the property known municipally as **46324 Sparta Line** and legally described as **Part of Lot 2, Plan 48, North Side of Main Street, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2012.

Donald N. Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk

