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From: Matt Coffey, Acting Manager of Planning

Date: May 8, 2025

RE: Notice of Designation – 23-25 Ferguson Street (Welsh House), Ward of Picton

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This letter is to inform you of the passing of **By-law 49-2025** to designate the property at 23-25 Ferguson Street, known as the Welsh House. Please see the attached designation by-law, which includes a description of the property, statement explaining the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property. The by-law will be registered on the title of the lands.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

for Matt Coffey, MCIP RPP
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD

BY-LAW NO. 49-2025

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE WELSH HOUSE TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
VALUE AND INTEREST PURSUANT TO PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE
ACT**

(Welsh House c. 1857, 23-25 Ferguson Street)

WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

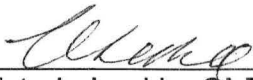
AND WHEREAS the Built and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, at their October 4, 2023 meeting recommended to County Council to designate the Welsh House as a property of cultural heritage value and interest;

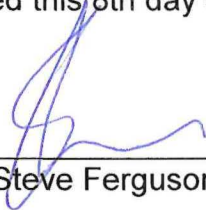
AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to designate the property known as the Welsh House has been published and served in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 and no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property known as the Welsh House and more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest for the reasons set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the property, [REDACTED], and on the Ontario Heritage Trust
3. **THAT** the property be added to the Municipal Register referred to in Section 27(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.
4. **THAT** notice of this By-law be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. **THAT** the County Solicitor is hereby authorized to register a copy of this By-law against the real property as described in the foregoing in the Land Registry Office.
6. **THAT** the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2025.


Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**


Steve Ferguson, **MAYOR**



SCHEDULE 'A' to By-Law No. 49-2025

Property Description:

The subject lands are described as PT LT 888 PL 24 Picton PT 3 47R5062; in the Municipality of the County of Prince Edward.

PIN: 55065-0064

SCHEDULE 'B' to By-Law No. 49-2025

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Design or Physical Value

The Welsh House has design value in the use of rowlock-bond brick construction in the Flemish bond, with the brick construction pattern fully displayed on the front, east and west elevations. The tail of the original east block fronting on Jackson's Lane retains the elliptical lintel of tapered bricks outlining location of original woodshed wagon door. The rear of this tail is built in rough limestone. The main house extends to a one- and three-quarter storey height, and this height is reflected in the second storey window head locations on the front façade being just below the cornice. The later west block was constructed in similar style as the original, but as a two-bay front elevation aspect as compared to the three bays of the initial block. The cornice and eave returns add a modest, but attractive, exterior trim feature to this largely unadorned structure.

Historical or Associative Value

The house has value in the association with Robert Welsh Jr., a Picon mason, who together with his father and other family members, were contractors and masons in Picton in the 1840s to 1870s. Their use of rowlock-bond brick construction on numerous buildings in Picton is unique and represents examples of a specific masonry method. The design and construction are significant as the home was built by the contractor for his own use.

Contextual Value

As a prominent building in the location of three intersecting streets, the building is an appealing and interesting visual landmark due to the unique brick construction, providing character to this residential neighbourhood. The Welsh house is one of the earliest houses on this block, as the house parcel was purchased as a segment of a larger ten-acre undeveloped block.

CULTURAL HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

- Massing of the building from the aspect of both Fergusson and Mary Streets and Jacksons Lane.
- Brick fabric and brick masonry details.
- The fenestration of the façade fronting Fergusson Street, Jacksons Lane, the East block extending above the tail, and the west elevation of the historical west block.
- The rear gable wall construction on the East block tail, constructed of rough limestone.
- The 'Aultsville' cornice and eaves.

References

Cruickshank, Tom, and Peter John Stokes, *The Settler's Dream* (Picton: Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, 1984), p 237-239, text and photograph

Historical Architectural Survey of Prince Edward (HASPE files)