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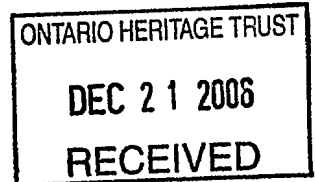
TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
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December 15, 2006

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To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Designation of the Comfort Barn in the Township of West Lincoln

Please be advised that the West Lincoln Heritage Committee intends to designate the structure known locally as the Comfort Barn. The Comfort Barn is located at 1639 Sixteen Road and is comprised of Part of Lot 24, Concession 4, in the former Township of Gainsborough, now in the Township of West Lincoln. Township Council endorsed this designation at its meeting on June 12, 2006.

The Clerks Department will be providing public notice of the intention to designate in a local newspaper on December 20, 2006 that has general distribution in the municipality. The Township Council will pass a By-law designating this property on following the appeal period should not appeals be received. I have included a copy of the public notice and the proposal for designation for your information. I will also forward a copy of the By-law designating the structure once it has been passed by Council.

If you require any further information or have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kirsten McCauley
Planner
Secretary to the Heritage Committee

CC: Ed and Bob Comfort

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PLACE OF ARCHITECTURAL, HISTORICAL AND/OR CONTEXTUAL VALUE OR INTEREST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln intends to pass a by-law under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, to designate as a place of architectural, historical and contextual value or interest, the following property.

The Comfort Barn, located at 1639 Sixteen Road, Part Lot 24, Concession 4, Former
Township of Gainsborough, Township of West Lincoln

The Comfort Barn was constructed circa 1870. This barn is representative of West Lincoln's strong agricultural community for a period of over 100 years and of particular interest is the fact that this is still a working mixed farming operation. The work of the restoration and repair is on-going and being done in a manner that maintains the original structure.

The barn, which is 54 feet long and 48 feet wide, has a heavy timber frame construction with mortise and tenon connections. The barn was remodeled in 1898 using 12" by 12" hand hewn pine timbers in the main frame along with a number of 12" by 12" hand hewn oak timbers salvaged from another area barn. The main pine timbers run the full width of the barn. Most of the pine timbers came from trees harvested in the area.

The barn rests on a limestone foundation. Typical of area farms, livestock were housed in the lower level and feed for the livestock was stored above the livestock. The barn is known as a bank barn; the bank is an earthen ramp that allowed a team of horses to draw wagons loads of feed up on to the main floor for unloading. The gambrel type of roof provided additional storage space for loose hay in the large mows on either side of the central alley. The barn has a roofed entrance over the bank. Inside the barn is a wagon rack lifter which was used to raise the wagon rack and its load of hay up high enough so that the hay could pitched into the mow.

The property is linked to the Crowe family name which is noted as being one of the early settlers of Rosedene, in the former Township of Gainsborough.

For further information, including detailed reasons for the designation of this property, may be obtained from the Planning Department at the Township of West Lincoln Municipal Offices during normal business hours.

ANY PERSON may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Township of West Lincoln this 20th day of December, 2006

C. Langley, Clerk
Township of West Lincoln
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DESIGNATION PROPOSAL

COMFORT BARN

1639 ROSEDENE ROAD

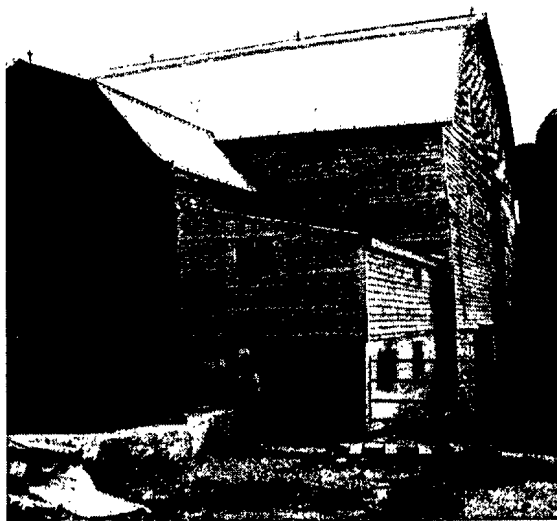


Presented by the West Lincoln Heritage Committee

June 5, 2006

Setting:

The Comfort Barn is located at 1639 Rosedene Road and is known as Part of Lot 24 and Part of Lot 25, Concession 4, former Township of Gainsborough, now in the Township of West Lincoln.



Architecture:

The barn was constructed circa 1898 with 75 year old timbers taken from other barns in the area. The overall composition of the building is good. The exterior, excluding the roof, has been maintained and restored to original. The barn is a timber frame construction with hand hewn oak timbers in the corners. All other timbers are pine and were taken from trees in the area, many coming from the Comfort farm. The barn was also constructed with timbers from other older barns in the area. The oak corner posts are estimated to be 185 years old. The entrance to the barn is unusual for the area and the foundation consists of cut stone. The inside of the barn had a wagon rack lifter that appears to be in good condition. The owners are restoring the barn to the original condition.



History:

The property was originally owned by the Crowe family. Many of the early settlers came from Pennsylvania in covered wagons and the Crowe family is noted as being one of the early settlers of Rosedene. [REDACTED]

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