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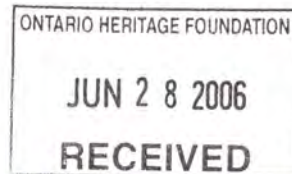
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June 23, 2006



Note: 6 BY-LAWS passed

Ontario Heritage Trust  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington at their meeting held June 5, 2006, passed By-laws 2006-071 through 2006-076 designating various properties, including lands and buildings within the Township, to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Enclosed herewith are certified true copies of the by-laws, which include a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department.

Yours truly,

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Kerri O'Kane, AMCT  
Deputy Clerk  
Encl.

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## TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

### BY-LAW NO. 2006-071

Being a By-law to designate 190 St. David Street South (known as the Beatty Pool building) in the former Town of Fergus, to be of cultural heritage value or interest

**WHEREAS** on the advice of the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council has been advised to designate the property attached hereto to be of cultural heritage value or interest to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18;

**AND WHEREAS** the provisions of Section 29, Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) have been complied with and no objection has been received by the Municipality.

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The lands and premises described as 190 St. David Street South, Plan 55, Lot 6, Part Lot 7, N/S Queen Street East, (Formerly in Town of Fergus), now in Township of Centre Wellington are hereby designated to be a building of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The reasons for the designation are as follows:

#### **Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

##### ***Design or Physical Value***

This building, known as the Beatty Pool building, is a prominent local landmark built in 1930 as it is, at a key intersection on the Provincial highway. Constructed with a bold yellow brick, contrasting brown mortar, and a distinctive roofline, its unusual design signals its intended recreational usage. The building has been faithfully and carefully maintained by both Beatty Brothers, and later the Town of Fergus and the Township of Centre Wellington, in very close to its original condition.

Unusual features of the building exterior include the decorative parquet brick patterning on the face of the building, the unique (and original) arched entrance door, the unusual gambrel roof shape, and importantly, the brick wall that continues around the west and south sides of the property, complete with similar brick patterns and sections of roofed area that mimic the main building. The original wooden sign survives on the front of the building, standing perpendicular to the building face, and is an important signature for the building to passers-by on the highway. All of these unusual features signal that the building is special, and was designed for a unique, community purpose.

##### ***Historical or Associative Value***

The building was constructed with great pride and with quality materials by employees from the Beatty Brothers factory—the dominant employer in town at that time, and when completed would have been an unusual luxury in a small town like Fergus. For many years, steam from the adjacent factory heated the water, allowing it to be used throughout the winter. It was built to meet a community need, after a drowning in the adjacent Grand River, and would have represented at the time a significant step in the development of the town. That the building has continued to serve its original purpose successfully for 75 years attests both to its being ahead of its time, and to the quality of its original plan and construction. One of the most important features of this building is that for 75 years, so very many people in central Wellington County would have associated it with summer, with fun, and with learning how to swim. It is a building filled with memories.



### **Contextual Value**

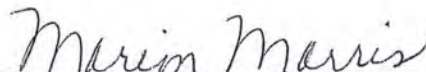
The building is a local landmark, and one that is probably well known even to those who have only passed through Fergus on the provincial highway, for the past 75 years. Importantly, it remains directly across the highway from what was the Beatty Brothers factory—the source of the financing and manpower used to construct the swimming pool building. The Beatty Brothers factory, though no longer used for manufacturing, looks much as it did when the swimming pool was constructed, and has itself been recommended for designation by Heritage Centre Wellington. The other two buildings on the remaining corner of Queen and St. David streets are also heritage buildings, and have already been designated.

### **What is to be Protected by Designation**

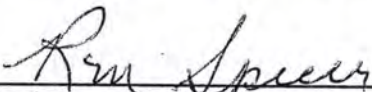
- All exterior brick work on the building shell, and the attached wall that surrounds part of the property.
  - The original, arched front door.
  - The distinctive roof line.
  - The wooden sign mounted on the façade of the building, though a reproduction would be acceptable.
3. This By-law shall be registered against the title of the lands described as 190 St. David St. South, Plan 55, Lot 6, Part Lot 7, N/S Queen Street East, (formerly in Town of Fergus), now in Township of Centre Wellington.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

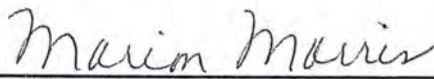
**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
Head of Council – Russ Spicer

  
Clerk – Marion Morris

**READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
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