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**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF VARIOUS HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY LAWS  
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed By-laws to designate the following properties to be of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18:

- By-law 2015-50 – to amend the legal description of By-law 2001-70 designating 159 Garafraxa Street East (Plan 284, Pt Lot A, 61R-20358, Part 9, formerly in the Town of Fergus), passed on November 30, 2015 under Section 30.1 of the Act
- By-law 2016-26 – to designate 33 Henderson Street (Plan 181, Lot 48 and Pt Lot 49, formerly in the Village of Elora), passed on May 30, 2016 under Section 29 of the Act
- By-law 2016-27 – to designate 48 West Mill Street (Plan 181, Pt Reserve Lot, formerly in the Village of Elora), passed on May 30, 2016 under Section 29 of the Act

For additional information, including full descriptions of the reasons for designation relating to the above designated properties please contact Mariana Iglesias, Planner (519-846-9691 x289).

Dated at the Township Of Centre Wellington this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Kerri O'Kane,  
Municipal Clerk  
1 MacDonald Square  
Elora, Ontario  
N0B 1S0



Centre Wellington

June 10, 2016

[REDACTED]  
33 Henderson Street  
Box 625  
Elora, Ontario  
N0B 1S0

Dear [REDACTED]

Please take notice that, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington passed designation by-law 2016-26, designating the property below as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29).

**33 Henderson Street  
Elora, Ontario**

Attached is a copy of the notice of passing and the designation by-law. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Mariana Iglesias, MCIP, RPP, CAHP

Encl.

*Copy: Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide St. E., Toronto ON M5C 1J3*

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

## BY-LAW NO. 2016-026

A By-law to designate 33 Henderson Street  
(formerly in the Village of Elora),  
now in the Township of Centre Wellington,  
to be of cultural heritage value or interest

**WHEREAS** on the advice of the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council at its meeting on January 25, 2016, has decided to designate the property attached hereto to be of cultural heritage value or interest as per 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 33 Henderson Street (formerly in the Village of Elora), now in the Township of Centre Wellington, Plan 181, Lot 48 and Pt Lot 49, in the Township of Centre Wellington, formerly the Village of Elora, are hereby confirmed as being designated as property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The reasons for designation are as follows:

### Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

#### Design or Physical Value

33 Henderson Street is significant as an early (pre-Confederation) example of a modest but tastefully designed church which has been called "one of the more charming of Elora's small 19th century buildings." It is a one storey building with a low pitched roof, and projecting eave returns. It is constructed of local materials, including soft dichromatic brick in red and buff/beige with limestone mortar and rubble stone foundation. It is significant for its high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit and was constructed in the "Regency Gothic" style, which is thought to be one of the earliest forms of Gothic used in Ontario. Built for \$700, the building reinforces the Georgian principles of simplicity, symmetry and solidity, yet exhibits decorative elements of the Regency Gothic style evident in the polychromatic columns and quoins. This style is further seen in the three large double hung Palladian "eyebrow" windows with buff brick arched lintels on each side facade. Although the building's proportions are relatively modest, measuring 30 x 36 feet with walls 14 feet high, the embellishments and detailing exude an understated elegance.

In order to have the building face Henderson Street where municipal services and road access are located, the original 3 bay front facade, with front door and windows, has been bricked up. However, these original openings could be easily reinstated. The interior (now much modified), especially the plastering, cornices, and oval ceiling, was praised as a "credit to the workmen" (*Elora Observer*, February 14, 1864). The baptismal font is still evident inside the building.

#### Historical or Associative Value

33 Henderson Street is significant for its association with Elora's denominational history. It was constructed in 1863 for Elora's Baptist congregation who had been using borrowed facilities since 1853. The congregation was smaller than that of most other more prosperous churches in the village at the time. The church drew heavily on Salem, Pilkington and Nichol townships for its membership and support until it closed in 1884. It is said that Elora's Baptist congregation came from more humble origins than the other prominent churches in the village. Census records indicate that the occupations of the Baptists included: baker (likely John Sole who was also the minister for a period of time), hotel-keeper, carriage-maker, carpenter, farmer, servant, nurse, spinner, miller, clerk, weaver, millwright, labourer, painter and seamstress. Many members of the congregation were also involved in the local Temperance Movement from the 1850s to the 1880s.

Most of the labour to build the church was donated by members of the congregation who worked in the building trades and who appear to have been supervised by Mr. Charles Lawrence, a local bricklayer who also worked on the stone piers of the David Street Bridge, and a "Mr. Parsons" from Fergus. The building is also significant for its association with several other prominent local groups after it closed its doors as a church. It served as the St. John's Anglican Parish Hall, a home to the Purple Star Orange Lodge and the women's Rose of Sharon L.O.B.A., a classroom for St. John's Boys' School (a precursor to St. John's Kilmarnock private school), and an office for the Elora Music Festival until 2013. It has stood vacant since then. The building is associated with many skilled

local contractors and tradesmen, including Mr. Charles Lawrence and Mr. Rennie of Fergus, as well as prominent local community leaders, such as Canon Robert Hulse, educator Jim Chalmers, musician Noel Edison, among others.

#### Contextual Value

33 Henderson Street is significant for its contribution to institutional and religious life in this part of Elora since before Confederation. It is one of 3 remaining pre-Confederation buildings along the south side of Henderson Street that originally faced the Village Common or market grounds that are now Hoffer Park. It is also one of 3 churches of varying styles of Gothic architecture along a short stretch of Henderson Street, the other two being on the north side. With the addition of the Baptist Church, the *Elora Observer* reported (July 24, 1863) "Elora for its size and number of inhabitants, will now have more churches, of different denominations, than any other inland town in Upper Canada".

The former church is a local landmark along Henderson Street and can be viewed from its prominent location overlooking Hoffer Park. It is surrounded by several heritage buildings, including homes, churches and former schools. This area was a hub of social activity in Elora's early days. The building is visually linked to the collective architecture, use of construction materials (including dichromatic brick work), scale, massing, setbacks and height of the homes and other churches in the immediate neighbourhood.


#### Description of Heritage Attributes to be Protected:

- Height and massing of original 1863 one storey building
- Low pitched gabled roof
- Locally manufactured soft red and buff brick exterior
- Classically proportioned Palladian window fenestration pattern (9 over 6 double hung) with buff brick "eyebrow" lintels
- Buff brick lintels over former door and window openings on south (former front) facade
- Buff brick roundel on the former front facade
- Dichromatic pilasters/buttresses
- Projecting eave returns on gable ends

Note: There is currently a large wood frame shed at the southeast corner of the property which is not included in the designation.

3. That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in this by-law in the property Land Registry Office.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its final passing.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.**

  
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Mayor – Kelly Linton

  
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Clerk – Kerri O'Kane