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Township of Enniskillen
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
RR# 1
~~TORONTO DOMINION BANK BUILDING~~
PETROLIA, ONTARIO
N0N 1R0



June 25, 1985

Ontario Heritage Foundation,
Ministry of Citizenship & Culture,
77 Bloor St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.
M7A 2R9

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Notice of Passing of By-law to Designate Property

Please find enclosed a copy of By-law No. 15 of 1985, a By-law passed by Council on June 5th, 1985 to designate the Imperial Oil Ltd. Oil Springs Pumping Station, located at the NW corner of Lot 17, Concession 1, township of Enniskillen as a property of architectural & historical value under the Ontario Heritage Act. Notice of the passing of this By-law has been published the stipulated number of times in the local newspaper and registered on title in the Land Registry office.

Copies of the contract governing the BRIC program will be duly signed & forwarded to your office in the next few weeks. If any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Robert C. White
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Enniskillen

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

BY-LAW NUMBER 15 OF 1985

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
IMPERIAL OIL LTD. OIL SPRINGS PUMPING STATION
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1984 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Imperial Oil Ltd. Oil Springs Pumping Station at NW Corner of Lot 17, Concession 1, Township of Enniskillen and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule B hereto.

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen enacts as follows:

1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Imperial Oil Ltd. Oil Springs Pumping Station at NW Corner of Lot 17, Concession 1, Township of Enniskillen, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.

2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the proper land registry office.

3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

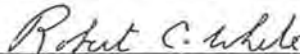
BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 5th day of June, 1985.


Reeve


Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert C. White, Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of Enniskillen, certify the above By-law to be a true copy of By-law No. 15 of 1985 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen on the 5th day of June, 1985.



TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN

Schedule "A" to By-law Number 15 of 1985

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED

Part of Lot 17, Concession 1, Township of Enniskillen -

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Lot 17;

THENCE Easterly along the north limit of said Lot, 210 feet to a point;

THENCE Southerly parallel with the westerly limit of said Lot, a distance of 210 feet to a point;

THENCE Westerly parallel to the north limit of the said Lot a distance of 210 feet to a point in the westerly limit of the said Lot;

THENCE Northerly 210 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

TOWNSHIP OF ENNISKILLEN
SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 15 OF 1985

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REASONS

Historical Reasons

The Imperial Oil Limited Oil Springs Pumping Station is the last remaining structure on site of approximately ten such stations built to receive oil from the Oil Springs and Petrolia fields and transport it via rail and pipeline to refineries at Petrolia and Sarnia.

It was established in 1915 by certain Oil Springs oil producers weary of the monopoly on the transport of crude then held by the Canadian Oil Producing and Refining Company, an English concern. One of the founding producers, J. H. Fairbank Estate, provided the land to Imperial Oil. The producers also negotiated with the New York Central Railway for a siding and loading rack. Imperial Oil excavated an underground receiving tank from which the crude was lifted by steam powered pumps to an elevated tank from which it descended into the railway's tank cars. Two stationary engineers, Mr. Lamey and Charles Smith, of Petrolia, commuted to the station each day by rail. Some producers remained with Canadian Oil Producing and Refining Company and in 1917 Imperial Oil closed their station because of insufficient deliveries. The Fairbank Estate, however, continued to ship its oil by tank car from the Blind Line siding. In 1923 general dissatisfaction with Canadian Oil Producing again built up and Imperial Oil responded to a request to re-open its Oil Springs station. Now all producers agreed to make deliveries there.

By now Ontario Hydro had arrived at Oil Springs and an electric motor supplanted the steam pump. Byron A. Evoy, a former employee of the Canadian Oil Producing and Refining Company, was engaged by Imperial Oil as receiver and pump man for the re-opened station. He retired in 1933 at 73 and his son, Thomas, took over from his father and worked the station until October, 1955 when Imperial Oil decided local receiving and pump stations, including those at Petrolia and Bothwell, had outlived their usefulness and closed all local stations.

The local producers, however, accepted the station from Imperial and continued to empty it co-operatively. Imperial Oil contributed \$100 a month toward the operating costs and the late Charles Fairbank, Petrolia, was the volunteer supervisor. The station was operated by Henry Wheeler and Samuel Donald, both long time oil production workers and drillers.

Ultimately Imperial Oil became unable to subsidize the costs of the station and notified producers that it would be closed. By 1972, most producers had installed tankage in their fields and were able to ship directly to the refinery by tank truck. The last shipment from the Oil Springs station was in July, 1973 and the station was closed in August of that year.

Architectural Reasons

The building is typical of industrial construction in the area and of the period, being wood, board and batten and having an earthen floor. An interesting installation is the water collection system for the steam pumps. Roof water ran from the eavestroughing down a long pipe to an underground tank. The building is in a rustic setting, characteristic of the Oil Springs fields, and picturesque partly because most other structures of its type have long since disappeared and there are gradually becoming fewer examples of this period of the area's petroleum industry. J