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MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

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February 11, 1999

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Howard Township Municipal Hall

We are enclosing Chatham-Kent by-law number 272-1998 being a by-law to designate the property known municipally as 57 Main Street East, Ridgetown, Ontario as being of historical and architectural value or interest. Attached as Schedule "A" are the reasons for designation.

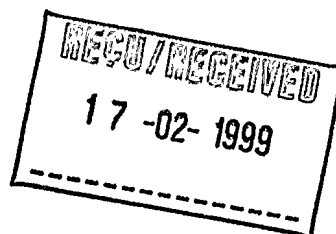
If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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Director of Legal Services
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BY-LAW NUMBER 272-1998

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

A By-law to designate the property known municipally as 57 Main St. E. Ridgetown, Ontario as being of historical and architectural value or interest.

FINALLY PASSED the 14 day of December 1998.

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 as amended, enables municipalities to enact by-laws to designate property, (which term means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon) to be of architectural or historical value or interest.

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has caused Notice of Intention to Designate the hereinafter described property to be of a historical and architectural value or interest pursuant to the said Ontario Heritage Act and has duly served such Notice of Intention and published the same as required by law.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the Proposed designation has been received by the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

AND WHEREAS the property to be designated is more particularly described as Lot 7, Plan 62 Ridgetown.

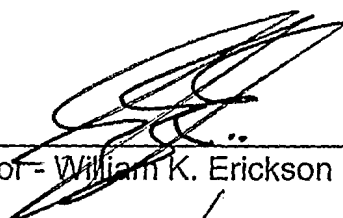
NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

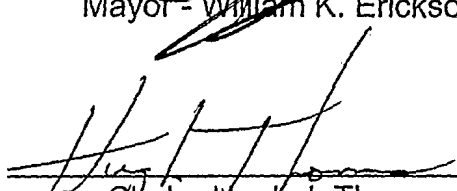
1. That the property more particularly described as Lot 7, Plan 62 Ridgetown and municipally known as 57 Main Street East, Ridgetown be designated to be of historical and architectural value or interest pursuant to the said Ontario Heritage Act and limited only to the exterior of the building situate thereon.
2. That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described as Lot 7, Plan 62 Ridgetown in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. That the Director of Legal Services be 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

THIS By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 14th day of December, 1998.



Mayor - William K. Erickson

Clerk - Hugh J. Thomas

SCHEDULE "A"

REASONS AND PARTICULARS FOR DESIGNATION

HISTORICAL

Built in 1855 by James Ferguson and Sons, the Howard Township Hall was the hub of community events for nearly a quarter century. It hosted a wide variety of community events including public meetings, church services, and local as well as travelling entertainments. In 1905, the original town hall was moved back from Main Street and a two storey addition was built. The Howard Township Hall was the first permanent home for municipal council. Historically, the Howard Township Building was the seat of community life for a great part of Howard Township's existence.

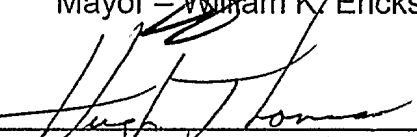
ARCHITECTURAL

The front portion of the Howard Township Building is a combination of Greek and Roman design techniques. Many aspects of the building represent outstanding examples of design and workmanship. The solid square proportions, heavy cornice and frieze with dentil brackets are excellent examples of the Greek inspiration for the building's design. The Roman features can be seen in the arched upper windows as well as the quoined and archaded brickwork.

The rear, original portion of the Howard Township Hall is an outstanding example of Greek Revival Architecture in frame and clapboard. The rear portion of the building retains its original window placement and frames. It also possesses an excellent example of Greek Revival design in its gable and return eaves.

This is Schedule "A" to By-law 272-1998 passed this 14th day of
December 1998.



Mayor – William K. Erickson

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