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REGISTERED MAIL

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

April 14, 1988.

Ministry of Culture &  
Communications,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
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Toronto, Ontario.  
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

APR 20 1988

Att: Mr. R. Montgomery,  
Director,  
Ontario Heritage Branch

HERITAGE BRANCH

Re: Notice of Passing of By-law  
pursuant to Section 29(6)  
of the Ontario Heritage Act  
(former Bertie Township Hall)  
Town of Fort Erie


Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(6)(a) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 114-88 on the 11th day of April 1988 to designate property known as the former Bertie Township Municipal Building, 402 Ridge Road, Fort Erie, Ontario as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

For your records, you will find enclosed a certified copy of the said By-law No. 114-88.

Would you please advise if you will also require a copy of the duplicate registered by-law upon completion of registration.

Yours very truly,

  
Carolyn J. Booth, A.M.C.T.,  
Clerk.

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Encl.



# The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

BY-LAW NO. 114-88

*Enacted  
14th*

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY  
KNOWN AS THE FORMER BERTIE TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 402 RIDGE ROAD, FORT  
ERIE, ONTARIO, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL  
AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 authorizes the council of a municipality to pass by-laws to designate a property including all buildings and structures thereon within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest, and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie has caused to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the property owned by the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law, and

WHEREAS such notice of intention to designate the aforesaid property has been published in the Fort Erie Times Review, a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality once a week for three consecutive weeks, namely March 8, 15 and 22, 1988, and

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto, and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- (1) THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, the property known municipally as 402 Ridge Road (former Bertie Township Municipal Building) and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Corporation  
of the Town of Fort Erie, hereby certify the  
foregoing to be a true and correct copy of  
BY-LAW NO. 114-88 of the said  
Town. Given under my hand and the seal of  
the said Corporation this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of

APRIL 1988  
*[Signature]*  
Clerk

- (2) THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the local land registry office.
- (3) THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the Fort Erie Times Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 1988.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 114-88

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL AND SINGULAR those lands and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the County of Welland, in the Province of Ontario and being composed of Part of Lot 13, east side of Ridge Road, Registered Plan 227 for the former Township of Bertie, now known as Plan 349 for the Town of Fort Erie and more particularly described as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 59R-5565.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 114-88

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This property is being designated for historical reasons.

The former Bertie Township Municipal Building was constructed in 1874. The original stone structure was built by the Edsall Brothers and the stone used to construct the building originated from one of the local Windmill Point quarries. The Edsall Brothers were the "professionals" of the day as stone masons and it is understood that they constructed St. Paul's Anglican Church on Niagara Blvd. and the original Windmill Point Disciples Church on Stonemill Road.

The original building, although very high, did not contain a second floor. The interior contained one office for the Clerk/Treasurer and the remaining area was used as a common meeting room for Council. (The Township of Bertie was incorporated in the year 1850).

Over the years, the interior area was rearranged to accommodate additional office space. In the 1920's (approx.) the Ontario Provincial Police occupied office space at the Bertie Township Hall. In the late 1920's or very early 1930's (precise date not known) two jail cells, a central heating plant and washroom were added to the east end of the building. The Bertie Township Police Department was established in the late 1930's or early 1940's and they also occupied space at the Bertie Township Hall. The Township Council created its own police department in the 1950's and subsequently moved them to a new building on Cutler Street and at this time, the Ontario Provincial Police for the Bertie Township area were no longer required.

In the ensuing years (1950's) a second floor was added to the building to accommodate additional offices and the new Council Chambers. In 1970, the Township of Bertie became part of the new Town of Fort Erie. The former Township of Bertie hall was used by the Town of Fort Erie for offices for the Roads Department and the Bertie Historical Museum was established in the upper area.

In the early 1980's, the building was turned over to the Fort Erie Historical Museum Board to maintain and operate as an historical museum.