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The Corporation of The  
**Town of Amherstburg**

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JOHN F. MCDONALD  
Chairperson

February 10, 2010

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS – 4441 CONCESSION 4 S., AMHERSTBURG  
HENRY A.L. & AMELIA HONOR HOUSE**

Please find enclosed a Notice of Designation along with a certified copy of the By-law for the above property. This property has been approved by Municipal Council as being of cultural and architectural value and interest in the Town of Amherstburg.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Jackie Hubbs, MCIP RPP  
Manager of Development Services

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# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

## NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg on February 8, 2010 passed the following by-law, being a By-law to designate the property as being of architectural and cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18

### By-law 2010-09

Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House  
4441 Concession 4 S., Town of Amherstburg  
Province of Ontario



**DATED at the Town of Amherstburg this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010**

Brenda Percy, Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg  
271 Sandwich St. South  
Amherstburg Ontario  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

BY-LAW NO. 2010-09



Being a By-law to designate the property at 4441 Concession 4, S. and known as the Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House as being of architectural and cultural heritage value or interest

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 4441 Concession 4 S., Amherstburg and known as the Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Amherstburg has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 4441 Concession 4 S., and known as the Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the Town of Amherstburg HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. The property 4441 Concession 4 S., and known as the Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Town Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property at 4441 Concession 4 S., and known as the Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Amherstburg as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.

This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Handwritten signatures for Mayor and Clerk with printed titles MAYOR and CLERK below them.

1st Reading: February 8, 2010

2nd Reading: February 8, 2010

3rd Reading: February 8, 2010

Certified True Copy of the original document.

Handwritten signature of Clerk, printed title Clerk Town of Amherstburg, and Date: February 10, 2010

Schedule "A"  
Building Inventory Form  
Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House



**Description of Property:**

Building Name:	Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House
Street Location:	4441 Concession 4 S.
Legal Description:	Concession 4 Pt Lot 39
County:	Essex
Town:	Town of Amherstburg
Builder:	Thomas Lukes
Ownership:	Private
Original Owner:	Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House
Original Use	Private Residence
Present Use:	Private residence
Date of Construction:	1920

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 4441 CONCESSION 4 S., AMHERSTBURG**

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The Honor House's cultural heritage value is unique in the association with Thomas Lukes. Mr. Lukes came to Amherstburg in 1875 to work as head sawyer at the Park and Borrowman Planing Mill located on the Old Malden Lunatic Asylum. He built the first new house on Rankin Avenue. He was a local designer and cabinet maker and also Town Councilor during the late 1800's to mid 1920's. Thomas Lukes was an owner of his own furniture making shop, with examples of his finish work including: Wesley United Church 1892, Amherstburg Post Office 1886, Franklin Hough House, Laird Avenue 1918, he also designed and oversaw the building of several homes including the Honor House 1920.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

The Henry A.L. & Amelia Honor House is a unique example of prairie/craftsman American Foursquare and an example of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century modern architecture in Amherstburg.

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the Honor House include:

- Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century modern architecture in a classic Arts & Crafts style residence
- Thomas Lukes, in 1920, designed and constructed the residence based on the prairie and craftsman style with emphasis on use of natural materials
- Low profile broad roof, linear emphasis
- The style is a modified four square with horizontal banding created thru the use of combed brick, deep grout lines, continuous eave lines, banding of the windows, horizontal roof ridge
- Presently well preserved existing field stone, combed brick, original concrete, local native red oak and Georgian pine
- Deep verandah, spanning  $\frac{3}{4}$  of front face and side of residence
- Large front windows trimmed in local native red oak and pine in the linear style
- Windows grouped together adding to the vertical contrast of the landing