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# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

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July 27, 2010

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



Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS – 73 RANKIN AVENUE, AMHERSTBURG**

Please find enclosed a Notice of Designation along with three certified copies of the heritage designation by-law. We ask that this property be listed on the Provincial as well as Canadian Heritage Registrar.

We trust this is satisfactory. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen Brown, CBCO  
Heritage Committee Administrator

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## NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg on March 22, 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 2010-34

**Captain Allen House  
73 Rankin Avenue, Amherstburg  
Province of Ontario**



**DATED at the Town of Amherstburg this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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. 2010-34

Being a By-law to designate the  
property at 73 Rankin Avenue  
and known as the Captain Allen House  
as being of architectural and cultural  
heritage value or interest

**WHEREAS** authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 73 Rankin Avenue, Amherstburg and known as the Captain Allen 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 73 Rankin Avenue, Captain Allen 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 at 73 Rankin Avenue., and known as the Captain Allen 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 73 Rankin Avenue., and known as the Captain Allen 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.

  
MAYOR

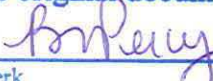
  
CLERK

1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: March 22, 2010

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: March 22, 2010

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: March 22, 2010

**Certified True Copy of  
the original document.**

  
Clerk  
Town of Amherstburg  
Date: July 27, 2010.

**Schedule "A"**  
**Building Inventory Form**  
**Captain Allen House**



**Description of Property:**

Building Name:	Captain Allen House
Street Location:	73 Rankin Avenue
Legal Description:	Plan 2, Lot 38, Pt Lot 39
County:	Essex
Town:	Town of Amherstburg
Builder:	Peter Henderson
Ownership:	Private
Original Owner:	Captain Christopher Allen
Original Use	Private Residence
Present Use:	Private residence
Date of Construction:	1880

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 73 RANKIN AVENUE, AMHERSTBURG**

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

The Captain Allen House cultural heritage value is unique in the association with Captain Christopher Allen, a noted Great Lakes shipmaster. He and his wife Mary (King) lived in the house from 1885 until they moved to Cleveland in 1891. He then rented the home until it was purchased in 1901 by W.H. Gatfield who continued to rent the property until 1919 when it was sold to Arthur Kemp.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

The house was built in 1880 by carpenter Peter Henderson as a home for himself and wife Rebecca. The area was originally part of the garrison grounds of Fort Malden. Ten acres of the former Ordnance Reserve were purchased in 1866 by Arthur Rankin who laid out a subdivision

known as “The Park”, comprised of North Street and Rankin Avenue. (Source: Amherstburg 1796-1996: The New Town on the Garrison Grounds)

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

- Gothic Revival architecture
- Gable roof
- Bracketed bay window
- Double window with pediment
- Classic Verandah