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#### **SENT REGISTERED MAIL**

March 7, 2017

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST
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Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide St. East Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Attention: Ms. Erin Semande, Ontario Heritage Act Registrar (Acting)

Dear Madam:

RE: Ontario Heritage Act— By-law 14-2017 of

The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville --755 Seacliff Drive, Kingsville (The Alfred J. Allworth House)

Enclosed please find a certified copy of By-law 14-2017 passed by Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville at its Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2017, which is being served upon you pursuant to Section 29(6) of the said Act.

Yours truly,

Sandra Kitchen

Deputy Clerk/Council Services Corporate Services Department

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. L. Miljan, Chair, Kingsville Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSVILLE

**BY-LAW 14 - 2017** 

Being a by-law to designate a certain property, including land and buildings, known as The Alfred J. Allworth House (755 Seacliff Dr., Kingsville) as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 as amended

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures located thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest:

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville has consulted with the Kingsville Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to the designation of 755 Seacliff Dr. as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate such property;

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands municipally known as 755 Seacliff Dr., Kingsville and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the foregoing property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property are set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation of the foregoing property has been served on the Clerk for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville enacts as follows:

- That the property known as The Alfred J. Allworth House and municipally known as 755 Seacliff Dr., including lands and buildings, more particularly described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage* Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended;
- That the municipality's solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office;
- 3. That the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid property 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 Corporation of the Town of Kingsville as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

CERTIFICATE
I hereby certify the following to be a true and correct copy of By-law 14-2017
of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville enacted February 27, 2017, the
same having been compared by meto the original.

DATED at Kingsville, Ontario this 7° day of March, 2017.

Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk Council Services
The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville

4. That Schedules "A" and "B" form an integral part of this By-law.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this  $27^{\rm th}$  day of February, 2017.

MAYOR, Nelson Santos

CLERK, Jennifer Astrologo

## The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville By-law 14-2017

#### Schedule "A"

755 Seacliff Dr., Kingsville, Ontario The Alfred J. Allworth House

Description of Property: The Alfred J. Allworth House

Constructed in 1887, the Alfred J. Allworth House is a 2-storey house built in the Craftsman style located at 755 Seacliff Drive.

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

The building's cultural value lies in its association with Alfred J. Allworth (1843-1930) who was born in St. Thomas. Alfred J. Allworth married Emily Hillis in St. Thomas on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1867 and together they had 5 children; Bertha, Ethel, Maggie, Lawrence and Edward. His daughter Ethel passed away in St. Thomas in 1901 and his son Edward at one point operated a cash store in Kingsville. His daughter Bertha married Emest Lionel White of Montreal who was the brother of Dr. White of Kingsville. Mr. Allworth's father, who happened to also be named Alfred Allworth, was a frequent visitor in town and he passed away in 1897 at the age of 77. Mr. Allworth's uncle, Dr. Allworth, was a landowner in town who, at one point in time, owned the parcel of land adjacent to Mr. Allworth. Additionally, in 1892, Dr. King, Dr. Allworth, Dr. Drake, J.W. King and Alfred Allworth were reported to have extended the hospitality of their houses to a large gathering of people young and old from Kingsville and Leamington that culminated at the residence of Angus Wigle.

Upon arriving in Kingsville, Alfred J. Allworth began his Lake View Vineyard, where, in 1871 he was listed as a vineyard operator in the town of Kingsville. The grapes grown at his Lake View Vineyard won several awards throughout the years. Beginning in 1878, Mr. Allworth's Black and Amber grapes won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively at the South Riding Fair. Afterwards, Mr. Allworth's Black, Amber, Concord, Delaware and Diana grapes would go on to win multiple county fair awards through 1897. Furthermore, beginning as early as 1885, Mr. Allworth was manufacturing wine producing four thousand gallons using thirteen tons of grapes. In relation to his work on the vineyard, in 1890 Mr. Allworth was elected Vice-President of the newly formed Essex County Horticultural Society.

Although Alfred J. Allworth operated a successful vineyard he was also employed as a clerk at J. H. Smart's bank. In early 1883, Mr. Smart's bank and the adjoining post office were robbed and Alfred J. Allworth was victimized in the process. On the particular night, Alfred J. Allworth was checking the bank at Mr. Smart's behest. Upon unlocking the door and checking inside, three armed men confronted Mr. Allworth pointing revolvers at his head and ordering him to keep quiet whilst covering his eyes. Mr. Allworth was handcuffed while one of the men searched his pockets for his keys. Once the keys were found the men looted the vault and post office taking \$1,800 in cash and \$700 worth of jewelry. After having looted the building, the armed men proceeded to gag Mr. Allworth as well as tie and bind his hands and legs. The armed men then locked Mr. Allworth inside the vault, cut the telephone wire leading out of the store and cut down three telephone poles as they fled. The next morning, Mr. Allworth was freed from the vault alive but worse for wear. Following the robbery, Mr. Allworth recovered from his ordeal and twenty citizens in town armed themselves with muskets and clubs on the lookout for more robbers.

In 1900, Mrs. Alfred Allworth's sister Mrs. (Dr.) Leitch of St. Thomas passed away and bequeathed \$10,000 in cash as well as all jewels and Mrs. Leitch's share of her father's estate totaling \$18,000. Then in the 1901 Census, Emily Allworth is listed as living in St. Thomas with four of her children while Mr. Allworth is listed as a dry goods merchant living in Kingsville. Further, in 1909 Mr. Allworth and several others left Calgary on a fishing expedition in the Rockies. They intended to visit certain lakes but their compass had broken and they became lost. They travelled for ten days on a diet of pancakes, fish and tea and towards the end were depleted in rations. On the tenth day however, they found their way to a ranch in British Columbia which was 250 miles and five mountain ranges from which they came. Afterwards, according to the 1911 Census, Emily Allworth again was listed as living in St. Thomas while Mr. Allworth was listed as living in Alberta. Mr. Allworth passed away January 11<sup>th</sup> 1930 at the age of 87.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Alfred J. Allworth house:

The Alfred J. Allworth House was constructed in 1887 by W. Longland as a 2-storey house in the Craftsman style. The house was to be constructed as 30x34 with a cellar underneath and verandah in both the front and rear.

#### Exterior features include:

Cut fieldstone porch (pillars & base)

#### Interior features include:

- · Heated floor installed by Owen Wigle
- · Main level hardwood flooring
- Oak swinging door
- 12 lite beveled oak door

# The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville By-law 14-2017

## SCHEDULE "B"

### Description:

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