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Ontario Heritage Foundation
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RE: Pentland Cemetery/ Bath Academy – Notice of Intention

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the notices to designate the Pentland Cemetery and Bath Academy.
If you have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Casemore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

David Casemore
Planning Technician

Handwritten initials in black ink, possibly "RC" or "AC", with a checkmark above them.



NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE The Corporation of Loyalist Township proposes to designate lands and/or buildings of historical, cultural and/or architectural value as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

DESCRIPTION

The property involved is described as being in Loyalist Township (formerly geographic area of Village of Bath) in the County of Lennox and Addington and the Province of Ontario, and being composed of Lot 21 Registered Plan 77, Part of Lot 10, Concession 1 more particularly described as being Parts 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Plan 29R-8692.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Bath Academy established in 1811, is recommended for designation for historical and cultural reasons detailed below. This building and site represents a history of one of the first educational institutions in Ontario. The Bath Academy signifies the belief in education the Village of Bath and Canada had from an early period of time. The school evolved from a grammar school to an army barracks and into the common school system. The building as it stands was built in 1910 and is the third on site, primarily used for a public library and most recently a municipal office. The building sits on a hill as you enter the Village of Bath from County Road #7, adjacent to St. John's Church, creating the first visual impression of the town and attractive skyline.

The Bath Academy established in 1811, was the first public academy school in Upper Canada. Once the War of 1812 began the school was used as an army barracks. Barnabas Bidwell was one of the early teachers at the school. Mr Bidwell was a radical political reformer and supporter of William Lyon MacKenzie, his son, Marshall, became a leading Member of the Legislative Assembly in 1825-33. The school was merged into the common school system under the Public School Act of 1850. The present structure third on site was built in 1910 and recently was used as a municipal office and library.

The building is a single detached rectangular shaped structure, two storeys in height. The exterior is brick, cut stone is used three feet in height from the foundation and the coursing is broken. The roof of the building is medium hipped, covered with tin. The roof trim has a wooden boxed cornice and brackets. The building has a projecting frontispiece on the front and rear facades. The structure has a full basement. There is one external brick single stack chimney on the rear.

FEATURES TO BE COVERED BY THE DESIGNATION

The entire exterior of the building and site are to be designated. The site includes all property from the north wall of the building including side yards ending at the southern property line bordering Academy Street. The Maple trees are to be preserved and protected unless disease or natural disaster takes place, and the walkway is to be maintained and unmoved as its layout is reflective of the original building site in 1811. Also a historical plaque donated by the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites Board outlining the history of the building will remain.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may object to this proposed designation by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of Loyalist Township not later than the 19th day of November 2004 a Notice of Objection including reasons in support of the objection or in attendance of the Loyalist Township Council meeting dated the 22nd day of November 2004 beginning at 7:00pm at the Odessa Municipal Office.

ANY questions on this matter should be directed to David Casemore, Heritage Advisor, at (613) 386-7351 ext. 129

DATED at Loyalist Township this 20th day of October 2004.

Brenda Hamilton, C.M.O.
Clerk
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