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*Lennox & Addington*

## TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

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December 13, 1996

### REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Attention: Joanna Bedard

Dear Madam:

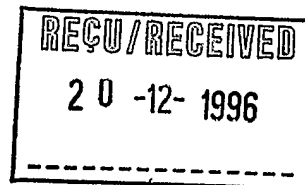
RE: Township of Ernestown By-law 96-54  
Designation of Heritage Milestones on County Road 2  
as having Architectural and/or Historic Significance

At its meeting of December 9, 1996, Council of the Township of Ernestown enacted By-law 96-54 designating eight (8) historic milestones on County Road 2 within Ernestown Township as being of architectural and/or historic value. A copy of the by-law is attached for your information.

If you have any questions on this matter please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Murray Beckel  
Township Planner  
MB/sc  
Attachment



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN

BY-LAW NO. 96-54

Being a By-law to designate the Heritage Milestones on County Road 2 as an historical property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, C. O.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to the Council that the Heritage Milestones and surrounding property on County Road 2 be designated an historical property; and

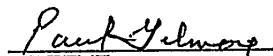
**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ernestown has caused to be served on the owner of County Road 2 and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality once; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Township of Ernestown enacts as follows:

- 1) The real property known as the Heritage Milestones, County Road 2, more particularly described in Schedules 'A' and 'C' hereto, is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value. The reasons for this designation are detailed on Schedule 'B' attached hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' and shown on Schedule 'C' hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

Enacted and Passed on this 9th day of December, 1996.

  
REEVE

  
CLERK

## SCHEDULE 'A' To By-Law 96-54

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

That portion of the north side of County Road 2 road allowance (formerly Highway 2), in the Township of Ernestown, County of Lennox and Addington, at the following locations:

- a) at limestone milestone in part of lot 41, Concession 3
- b) at limestone milestone in part of lot of 35, Concession 4
- c) at limestone milestone in part of lot 27, Concession 4
- d) at limestone milestone in part of lot 23, Concession 4
- e) at limestone milestone in part of lot 19, Concession 4
- f) at limestone milestone in part of lot 15, Concession 4
- g) at limestone milestone in part of lot 11, Concession 4
- h) at limestone milestone in part of lot 3, Concession 4

The milestone locations are depicted on the map found in Schedule "C" to the by-law.

## SCHEDULE 'B' To By-Law 96-54

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The eight surviving milestones and an area measured as the radius of 1.0 metre from the centre of each milestone along County Road 2 are being designated for historical reasons. The historic details are described in the following paragraphs.

County Road 2 is the most recent form of the route between Kingston and Napanee built in 1816 and 1817. From that time it has been important in the activities within Ernestown Township. The route is historically significant as that of the Kingston and Napanee Macadamized Road, the province's first improved inter-community road. The milestones were set in place in compliance with an 1850 Bylaw providing for the management of the Road.

The initial phase of this 24 mile-long improved road took place in 1837 under the supervision of the English practical engineer James Cull. Cull had introduced a form of macadamization into Upper Canada by building a one-mile sample on the Yonge Street turnpike in 1833. Macadamization entailed putting down layers of compacted broken stone and ensuring drainage of the roadbed. Cull's report for the 1837 construction season details the work accomplished in Section 2, which included Ernestown. The old road was being reworked to form the bed for the new and a stone bridge was completed at Mill Creek. Unfortunately, as late as July 1843 there was still a five-mile stretch of road in Ernestown and Fredericksburg unimproved due to lack of funding. It was a very inconvenient reminder of the great improvement in transportation afforded by the macadamized surface. In 1844 funds had been provided to complete the road.

Upkeep of the road was contracted out by sections. At the auction of April 1840, the lowest bidders won the responsibility of keeping their sections "in good and perfect repair" for a year from the date of the sale. To better regulate the management of the Road, the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Frontenac - Lennox and Addington in October 1850 passed By-law No. 15 that included the procuring of Mile Stones, which were to be "properly numbered and Set."

Kingston and Napanee Macadamized Road operated as a toll road from the start. Alterations in rates of toll were discussed in May 1840. At this period the office of the Road was in Mill Creek, with Charles Cumming as Clerk of the Road. In July 1840 Ernestown men - Michael Asselstine and Sidney Warner - were named to the overseeing Commission of the Midland District Turnpike Trust. In October 1840 Cumming's announced orders for building a "Toll Gate near Dulmage's Tavern, Ernestown". "Gate No. 3, Mill Creek" seems to have operated through 1840. By 1860 the Township had two toll stops, indicated on the Walling's Map of the United Counties as a "Toll Gate" (North line Conc. III and line between Lots 35 and 36) and a "Toll House" (in Conc IV, East corner at intersection of road from Violet).

The Kingston-Napanee Macadamized Road served as a corridor from the agricultural interior of Ernestown Township to the markets of Kingston and Napanee, and hence the road was upgraded to service this need. The milestones represent some of the last remaining physical evidence of the Macadamized Road as the toll structures were removed, the bridges replaced, and the road bed modernized.

The milestones are generally found at one mile intervals on the north side of County Road 2. It is known that within Ernestown Township, eight (8) of the milestones are at or close to their original resting places. Two (2) others original to the Ernestown section of the Road remain in existence outside of the Township.

The milestones are made of limestone and are square in section, averaging 12.5 to 13.5 inches per face, having an integral pyramidal top. Originally the stones may have been about 5 feet in length, the stones were set into the ground with about 1.5 to 2 feet above ground, and the diagonal of the stone section was perpendicular to the side of the road so that one side faced Napanee and the other Kingston. The faces were engraved, with the initial N. or K., for Napanee and Kingston respectively, below which were engraved the appropriate Roman numerals indicating the distance from the stone to the indicated town.

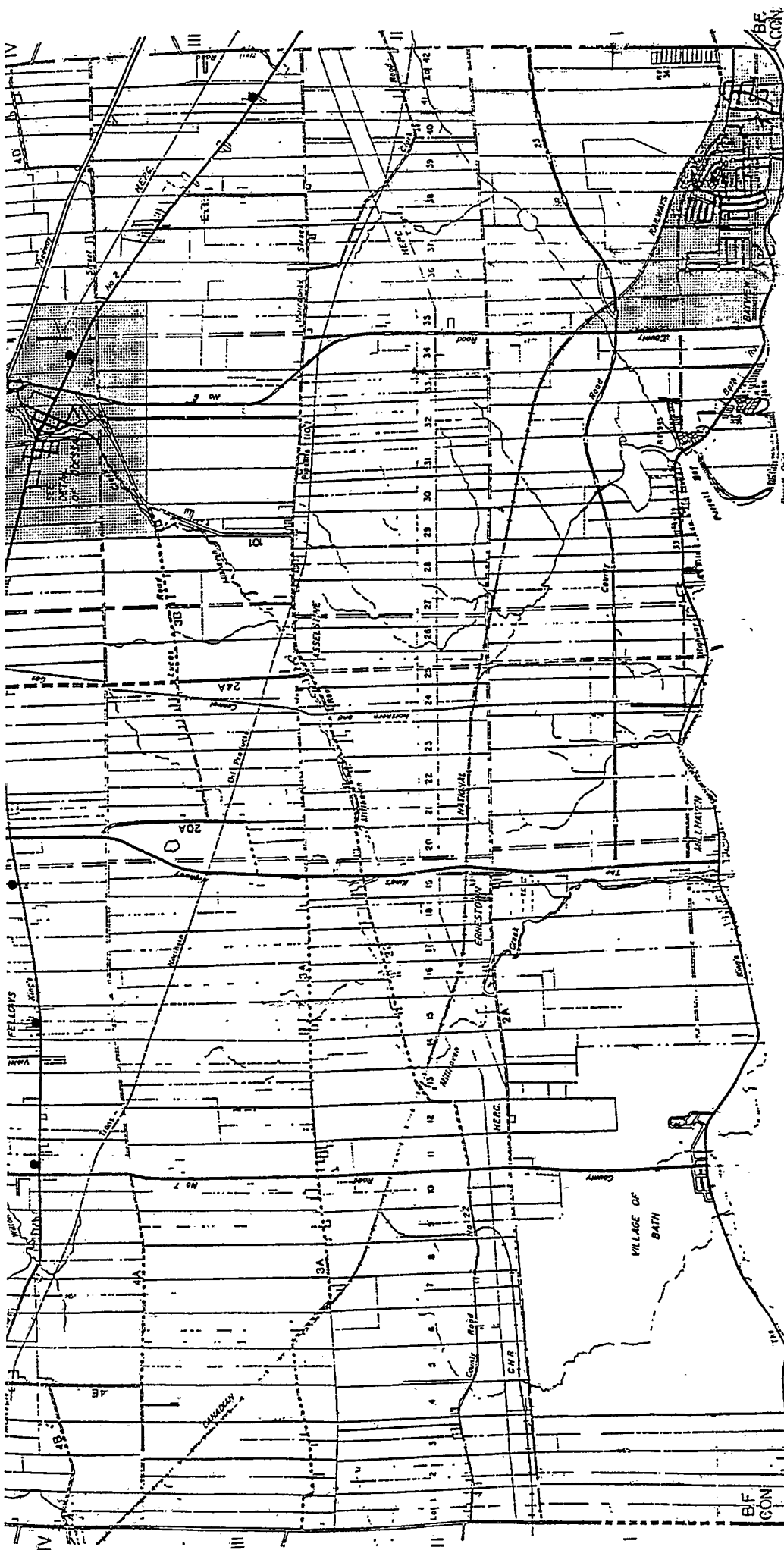
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The milestones that remain in place are marked as follows (going from east to west in direction).

1. KVIII (south-west face), NXV (south-east face)
2. KX (south-west face), NXIII (south-east face)
3. KXII (south-west face), NXI (south-east face)
4. KXIII (south-west face), NX (south-east face)
5. KXIV (south-west face), NIX (south-east face)
6. KXV (south-west face), NVIII (south-east face)
7. KXVI (south-west face), NVII (south-east face)
8. KXVIII (south-west face), N V (south-east face)

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ERNESTOWN



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## LEGEND

● - Milestone location










SCALE IN METERS  
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Map of the Township of Ernestown  
1911

# SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW 96-54

LEGEND

	TOWNSHIP ROAD		FREWAY
	UNDIVIDED ROAD ALLOWANCE		PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY
	WATERCOURSE		COUNTY ROAD
	PLAN OF SUBDIVISION		

