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# TOWN of PETROLIA

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March 6th, 1984.

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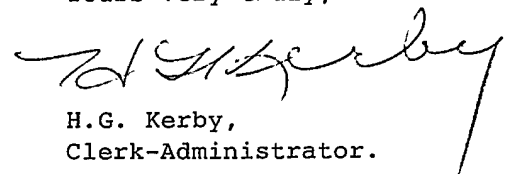
Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
TORONTO, Ontario.  
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Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of subsection 6 of Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, enclosed herewith is a copy of By-Law Number 10-1984, of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia, entitled "A By-Law to designate the Property known municipally as 429 Ella Street, in the Town of Petrolia as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest", which was passed by the Council of the Town of Petrolia at a meeting held on February 13th, 1984.

Also attached are the reasons for the designation.

Yours very truly,

  
H.G. Kerby,  
Clerk-Administrator.

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Encl's.

THE HISTORIC OIL TOWN



BY-LAW NUMBER 10-1984

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN  
MUNICIPALLY AS 429 ELLA STREET, IN THE TOWN OF PETROLIA, AS  
BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

Whereas Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980,  
R.S.O., Chapter 337 authorizes the Council of a municipality  
to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all  
buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or  
historical value or interest; and

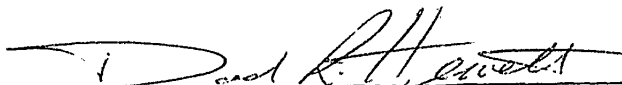
Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the  
Town of Petrolia has caused to be served on the owner of the  
lands and premises at 429 Ella Street, in the Town of Petrolia,  
and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention  
to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused  
such notice of intention to be published in the same  
newspaper having general circulation in the municipality  
once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

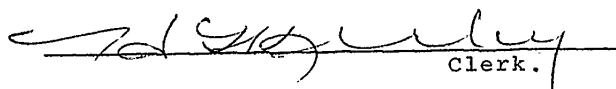
Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed  
designation has been served on the Clerk of The Municipality;

Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the  
Town of Petrolia Hereby Enacts as Follows:

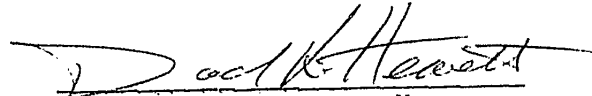
1. There is designated as being of architectural  
and historical value or interest the real property at 429  
Ella Street in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario,  
more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The Municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to  
cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the  
property described in Schedule "A" 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 newspaper having general circulation in the municipality  
once for each of three consecutive weeks.

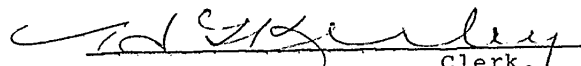
By-Law Read a First and Second Time and Provisionally  
Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1984.

  
Mayor.

  
Clerk.

By-Law Read a Third Time and Finally Passed  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1984.

  
Mayor.

  
Clerk.

Schedule A

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Petrolia in the County of Lambton and being composed of Lots Numbers sixteen and seventeen (16 and 17) in Block F, on the west side of Ella Street, according to Registered Plan Number 38 for the said Town of Petrolia.

March 6th, 1984.

Reasons For Designation  
of Property under the Provisions  
of By-Law Number 10-1984

Historical Reasons:

This property was developed and surveyed by Henry Warren Lancey, who named the street after his daughter. Mr. Lancey was a prominent surveyor, builder and entrepreneur who played an important role in the history of Petrolia. The original occupant was Lemuel Cole, an important oil operator who lived in the house from 1876 until 1880. After a short period of ownership by Elisah H. Pinnery, a local merchant (1880-1882) it was sold to Robert Morris, a respected banker whose family lived in the home until 1905. Between 1905 and 1940 it was the property of Albert Jones, an Ontario Land Surveyor. During the second world war it became the home of Clara Fairbank Ranney, widow of the distinguished Dr. Charles Oliver Fairbank. In 1948 it was purchased by Adam Paton Robertson, manager of Detroit Gasket.

For over 100 years, 429 Ella Street has occupied its site looking onto Crescent Park. For generations of Petrolians, it has been a part of our past.

Architectural Reasons:

429 Ella Street is an excellent example of Victorian Gothic Revival, a style that was most popular in Canada in the period 1850 to 1870. It has retained its original wood facade (east, front view). The decorative details include intricate barge boards, a sharply pitched roof with finials and pendants at the peaks and an exceptionally fine glassed verandah/conservatory with ogee-patterned panes. The facade also features a bay with paired brackets and iron cresting. Its architectural details add interest to its streetscape and contribute to the visual attractiveness of Crescent Park.