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# TOWN of PETROLIA

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March 6th, 1984.

## REGISTERED MAIL

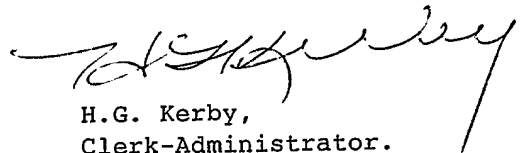
Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
TORONTO, Ontario.  
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Dear Sirs:

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 9-1984 of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia, entitled "A By-Law To Designate the Property, known Municipally as 4121 Lorne Avenue (Green Gables) 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 9-1984

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 4121 LORNE AVENUE (GREEN GABLES) 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 known as Green Gables at 4121 Lorne Avenue, 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;

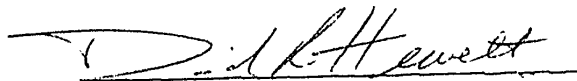
Therefore the Council of the Corporation of The Town of Petrolia Hereby Enacts as Follows:

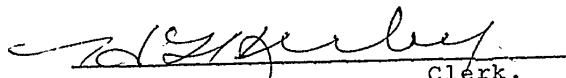
1 - There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Green Gables at 4121 Lorne Avenue, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

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.

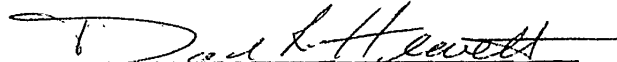
3 - The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

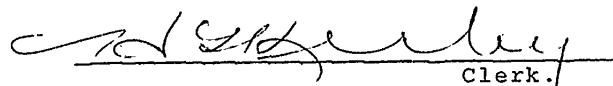
By-Law Read a First and Second Time and Provisionally Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1984.

  
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 the westerly 50 feet of Lot 11, and the westerly 50 feet of the north Half of Lot 12, on the west side of Queen Street, in Block G, having frontage on the south side of Lorne Avenue, according to Registered Plan Number 53 for the said Town of Petrolia.

March 6th, 1984.

Reasons For Designation  
of Property under the Provisions  
of By-Law Number 9-1984

Historical Reasons:

The site was part of the property holdings of J.J. Kerr who sold it to Thomas Kelly on April 9th, 1881. Thomas Kelly built the house in 1887 based on plans by the architect, Isaac Erb. In 1890, it became the property of the Methodist Church, and remained so until 1898. Subsequently it was owned by Amelia Riggin and later by Emelyn Shaunessy (1909). In 1920 it was the property of John Charles Reid. In 1928, it was purchased by Donald W. Duncan, a prominent dentist, who gave it the name "Green Gables". In 1945 it became the home of John and Carrie Morrison. The present owners purchased "Green Gables" in 1974.

Architectural Reasons:

Green Gables is an excellent example of late Victorian architecture. It is one of very few houses in Petrólia that was designed by an architect, and its details demonstrate the variety and complexity of architectural features to be found on Victorian structures. The facade illustrates the use of high shingled gables, shelf window entablatures, decorative cornice and freize. The front sloping roof is supported by classical columns incorporated in a frontal porch with picket rail. A fine stained glass window faces north. On the east side a cross gable projects outward which accentuates the vertical height of the building. The exterior of Green Gables is covered in white rounded clapboard. The architect, Isaac Erb, was an important local figure whose other buildings include St. Paul's United Church and the Odd Fellows Hall.