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# TOWN of PETROLIA

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REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
77 Bloor Street West,  
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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 8-1984 of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia, entitled "A By-Law to designate the property known municipally as 4230 Petrolia Street (Odd Fellows Hall), 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H.G. Kerby".

H.G. Kerby,  
Clerk-administrator.

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Encl.

THE HISTORIC OIL TOWN



BY-LAW NUMBER 8-1984

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN  
MUNICIPALLY AS 4230 PETROLIA STREET (ODD FELLOWS HALL),  
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  
historic 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 the Odd Fellows Hall at 4230 Petrolia  
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

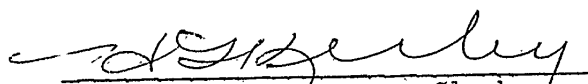
Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed  
designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

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 known as the  
Odd Fellows Hall at 4230 Petrolia 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.

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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 Part Lot 13, in the 11th Concession sometimes referred to as Part Lot A and described as follows:

COMMENCING on the North limit of Petrolia Street in the said Town of Petrolia at a distance 75 feet Westerly from the West limit of Tank Street.

THENCE Westerly along the North limit of Petrolia Street 25 feet.

THENCE Northerly parallel to the West limit of Tank Street 150 feet.

THENCE Easterly parallel to the North limit of Petrolia Street 25 feet.

THENCE Southerly parallel to the West limit of Tank Street 150 feet to the place of beginning.

March 6th, 1984.

Reasons For Designation  
of Property under the Provisions  
of By-Law Number 8-1984

Historical Reasons:

The site originally included frame buildings with one of them being leased to the I.O.O.F. #65 from 1881. By 1888 the I.O.O.F. decided to construct a three storey hall and store on the site, and on July 20th contracts were signed with various tradesmen for the present building. The Odd Fellows' Hall was completed by the end of 1888, and the formal dedication took place on January 28th, 1889, with the Rev. N. H. Martin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Ontario, officiating. The Odd Fellows' Hall has continued to operate in the Town of Petrolia, and its activities are a chronical of the events of the Community and its members played a significant role in the social and economic growth of the Town for over 100 years.

Architectural Reasons:

The Odd Fellows' Hall is an example of Italianate Commercial style which was very popular for main streets during Victorian times. The dominant cornice and round headed windows are typical features of that style. The architect, Isaac Erb, has added details that appear in other buildings of his design. These include the decorative classical pediment over the west doors and the use of the cast iron columns again of classical motif. The harmony with other buildings of the main street was achieved by repeating the floral pattern in the keystones and using the recessed entry with large expanses of glass to create display space and shelter. The coloured glass upper storey windows are a very attractive feature. The two storey interior hall is also impressive.

The Odd Fellows' Hall is an important local example of the work of Isaac Erb and a tribute to the craftsmen of Petrolia in the nineteenth century.