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TOWN of PETROLIA

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Re: Heritage Designation
4189 Petrolia Line
By-Law Number 16-1997

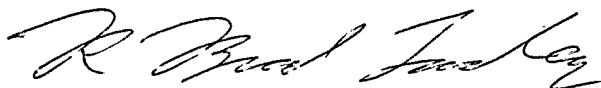
Dear Sirs:

As you are aware, the Heritage Designation at 418⁹~~0~~ Petrolia Line has been completed and registered without objection.

Please find enclosed a copy of the above mentioned by-law and notice for your records.

Congratulations in receiving your Designation.

Yours truly,

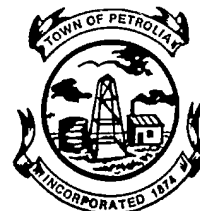


R. Brad Loosley,
Administrator Clerk.

RBL/kk
Encl.

cc Arthur Parkes,
Chairperson, Heritage Committee
and Ontario Heritage Foundation

“CANADA’S VICTORIAN OIL TOWN”



MAR 25 1997

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 16 -1997

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALITY KNOWN AS 4189 PETROLIA LINE (OLD POST OFFICE) , IN THE TOWN OF PETROLIA AS BEING ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 Chapter O.18, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property including all building and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

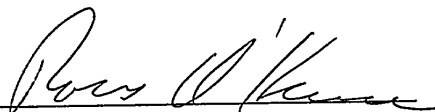
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 4189 Petrolia Line in the Town of Petrolia, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality for one week; and

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

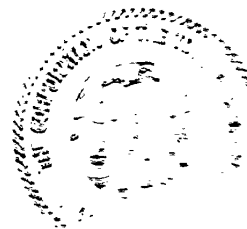
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia Hereby Enacts as Follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest of the real property at 4189 Petrolia Line, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in 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" attached 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.

By-Law Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed this 10th, day of March, 1997.


Mayor


Administrator Clerk



SCHEDULE 'A'

Legal Description

All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Petrolia in the County of Lambton being composed of Sublot 1, Part of Sublot 2 Plan 23, Instrument #706714, Municipally known as 4189 Petrolia Line.

SCHEDULE "B"

Reasons for Designation of Property under the Provisions of By-Law -1997

Historical Reasons:

Occupancy and/or role record

Constructed during a period of expansion and growth in the community of Petrolia this structure was built under a Federal commission awarded to the architect, Thomas Fuller of London, Ontario from a design he had submitted. As a result of being awarded this government contract, a number of similar structures built during this same period can be found in towns throughout Southwestern Ontario. Original design called for the Post Office and Offices of the Inland Revenue and Customs on the main floor, the residence of the Postmaster on the second and the residence of the caretaker above that on the third. An annex on the south side of the building housed an examining warehouse for Customs purposes and for the collection of Provincial and Federal taxes. In later years the second storey was converted to office space and only the caretaker continued to live on the premises. Following World War One, one of the small back rooms was taken over and used as a "Militia Room". The Petrolia Legion also used space in this building until removing to their new facilities on King Street. The structure served as Petrolia's Post Office from 1894 to 1964 at which time new facilities were built and the Post Office operations were relocated. The contract for construction of the Old Post Office was signed under the direction of the Department of Public Works in January of 1892 and the premises became functional in the spring of 1894. Joshua Garrett of Petrolia was the principal contractor. From 1964 to the present a number of commercial establishments have operated from the premises.

Architectural Reasons:

This structure was built to reflect a "Romanesque" style of architecture, one that is uniquely North American and made popular by the American architect H.H. Richardson. One of the prominent features of this style is the bold use of masonry and what has been termed the "Romanesque Arch" (round headed arches over doors and windows). The use of rough-cut stone and red brick were popular building materials used in this style of construction as well as the use of smooth, wide brackets under the eaves. Buildings constructed in this manner projected a sense of heaviness and solidity and the Old Petrolia Post Office is an excellent example of this style. Romanesque remained popular until the late 1800s when it eventually merged with other architectural styles of the late Victorian period.