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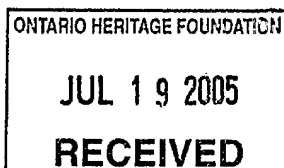
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**Re: Heritage Designation
4381 Discovery Line, Petrolia
By-Law Number 44 of 2005**

To Whom It May Concern:

As you are aware, the Heritage Designation at 4381 Discovery Line Line, Petrolia has been completed and registered without objection.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dela Horley".
Dela Horley,
Clerk-Administrator.

Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 44 - 2005

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS
4381 DISCOVERY LINE, 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 of 4381 DiscoveryLine, 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 Clerk-Administrator of the Municipality;

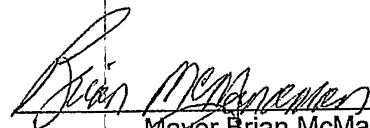
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia hereby enacts as follows:

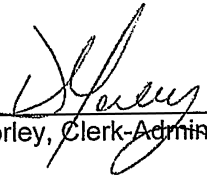
1. This is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest of the real property as 4381 Discovery Line, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk-Administrator 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 13th day of June, 2005

I, DELA HORLEY,
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR of the TOWN
OF PETROLIA, hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true copy of
By-Law 44 of 2005, passed by the
Council of the Town of Petrolia on the
13th day of June, 2005


Clerk/Administrator


Mayor Brian McManaman


Dela Horley, Clerk-Administrator

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF
PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
BY-LAW 44 OF 2005

Historical/Architectural Reasons:

Murray Bradley purchased the Petrolia Discovery property from Fred Hamlin in 1949. In 1973, in an effort to preserve the remaining wells and equipment and to establish an historic tourist site, it was proposed by Arnold Thompson to purchase the present site from Mr. Bradley at a cost of \$10,000.00 (a fraction of its worth).

In July of 1973, Petrolia Town Council approved the purchase of the property. A Historic Oil Site Committee was appointed in 1974 and through six years of volunteer hours, grants and fundraising, oil wells were returned to production, jerker lines were repaired and an oil collection system was established.

The Petrolia Discovery opened on June 28, 1980 with the shooting of a well. 2005 marks the 25th Anniversary of this historic oil site, at present, the only operating oil field in the world that is open to the public.

With 60 acres of historic wells (20 active, 15 suspended and 1 new), buildings (five which are designated under Part 4 of the Ontario Heritage Act), artifacts and equipment on site, Petrolia Discovery remains a unique experience for tourists and the most significant remaining testament to the history of Petrolia, its oil drillers and their contribution to oil production around the world.

SCHEDULE "A"

Legal Description:

CON 11 N PT LOT 13
PLAN 26 PT LOTS 35-40, 54, 55, 56
PT BEING 25R6084
PART 1 53.76AC