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Town of  
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May 19, 2009



Sean Fraser  
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Dear Mr. Fraser:

**RE: WIARTON TRAIN STATION DESIGNATION**

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the notice indicating Council's intention to designate as published on April 8, 2009 in The Wiarton Echo. The Town did not receive any objection to the designation.

Also enclosed is a copy of the by-law passed on May 12, 2009.

Also enclosed is a copy of the notice of designation which will be placed in the Wiarton Echo on May 27, 2009.

This serves as your notification of designation in this matter. If you require anything further from this office please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rhonda Cook, CMO  
Clerk  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Enclosures (3)

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

## BY-LAW NUMBER 56-2009

**Being a By-Law to Designate the Wiaraton Train Station Building located at 400 William Street, Former Town of Wiaraton, Now in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, County of Bruce, Province of Ontario, as a Building of Architectural, Cultural and historic Heritage Value**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula did give notice of its intention to designate the property described in Schedule A of this by-law in accordance with Sub- Section 29 ( 3) of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection was served on the Town Clerk as required by Subsection 29 (5) of the said Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula does so desire to designate the property as described in Schedule A to this by-law in accordance with Clause 29 (6) (a) of the said Act.

### **NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Wiaraton Train Station building located at 400 William Street, former Town of Wiaraton, now in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula and more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto, is hereby designated a property of architectural, cultural and historical heritage value.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law together with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of heritage attributes of the property as set out in Schedule B attached hereto, to be registered against the property affected in the Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to:
  - a. Cause a copy of this by-law, together with a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property to be served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail.
  - b. To publish a notice of this by-law once in the Wiaraton Echo.

This by-law shall come into force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

Gwen Gilbert MAYOR

Rhonda Cook CLERK

READ a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

Gwen Gilbert MAYOR

Rhonda Cook CLERK

**Certified a true copy**  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009  
Angela Cathrae  
Angela Cathrae, Administrative Assistant  
Administrative and Emergency Services  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula

**BY-LAW NUMBER -2009**

**SCHEDULE A**

Wiarion Train Station Building  
400 William Street  
former Town of Wiarion,  
now in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

**The building is situated and lying upon lands as described herein:**

In the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, formerly Town of Wiarion, County of Bruce, being  
Brown ES, Lots 9, 10, 11; Brown WS, Part Lot 10; Scott ES, Lot 12; Scott WS, Lots 10, 11, 12;  
Claude ES, Part Lots 5, 6; Plan 142A, Water Lots 3, 5, 6, 7, 8; Roll #410258000307600

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### SCHEDULE B

#### **Description of Property** – Wiarion Train Station, 400 William Street.

The Wiarion Train Station building is located in Bluewater Park in the former Town of Wiarion. The Train Station building and attached pavilion structure are used for municipal purposes. The property upon which the building and pavilion are situated do not form part of this designation.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Wiarion Train Station is a building of cultural heritage value due to the architectural design of the building. It was built of locally milled pine, white cedar and hemlock. The Wiarion Train Station is one of six known station buildings in Canada which still retains its original coffered geometrically patterned tongue and groove ceilings. Much of this composite Queen Anne/Chateau style wooden building is intact as originally designed. This is rare in station buildings which by their nature, were prone to upgrades, changes and modernizations.

Another example of the cultural heritage value lies in the fact that the building served as the hub of transportation for the Canadian National Railway line. The building was erected in 1904 and stood on the corner of Claude and George Streets in the former Town of Wiarion. Products from the commercial hub of Wiarion were shipped by rail. As well, the 160 Bruce Battalion embarked for service in World War I from the Train Station building. Between 1919 and 1950, many tourists and dignitaries including King George, Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother in 1939, passed through the Wiarion Train Station building on their way to tour Wiarion and visit the islands. Railway travel became less timely with the influx of vehicles and the improvements to roadways and as such, the Wiarion Train Station was closed in 1960. The building was moved to its current location in 1971.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes that reflect the heritage value of the building as an example of Queen Anne/Chateau composite stick style and shingle construction include:

- Balloon Construction – built of double white cedar tongue and groove, with hemlock and pine beams and floor joists
- Tongue and groove ceilings with patterned tongue and groove panels
- Chateau style elements demonstrated in rounded west end wall with conical cap
- Queen Anne style tower on west end of north façade with leaded glass sidelights and semi-lune Palladian transom above glazed wooden French doors
- Windows on three sides of upper storey of tower with 20 small square panes each
- Hipped roof with wooden finial at tip
- Companion Queen Anne tower at east end of north façade with curved eight sided cap and conical finial
- 20 paned windows are repeated on four of the eight sides at top of tower
- Plain rectangular transom above glazed wooden French doors at base of tower

- Hipped roof porch (pavilion) added in 2004

Key attributes which provide a link to local history and a reminder of early transportation include:

- Original baggage doors
- Double round-ended railway bench
- Enameled and wooden signs
- Eight foot oak and plate glass case (used to house artifacts original to the Train Station)

## **TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

R.S.O. 1990 CHAPTER O.18 AND THE WIARTON TRAIN STATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 400 WILLIAM STEET, BROWN ES, LOTS 9, 10, 11, BROWN WS, PART LOT 10, SCOTT ES, LOT 12, SCOTT WS, LOTS 10, 11, 12, CLAUDE ES, PART LOTS 5, 6, PLAN 142A, WATER LOTS 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 ROLL #410258000307600, FORMER TOWN OF WIARTON, NOW IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA, COUNTY OF BRUCE, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

### **NOTICE OF DESIGNATION**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has, by way of the passing of By-Law 56-2009 on May 12, 2009, designated the Wiarion Train Station building located at the municipal address known as 400 William Street, to be a building of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of Part IV Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Rhonda Cook, CMO  
Clerk  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula